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ENABLER TO DRIVE NEW VALUE CHAINS
FOR TEXTILES AND AEROSPACE**

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1. INTRODUCTION

The EU-funded GALACTICA project aims to place the European textile and aerospace industries at the forefront of innovation. The new industrial value chains the project envisages are based on intelligent systems (Internet of Things solutions) that should advance the manufacturing process and foster cross-sectoral cooperation.

As part of the project, the final event aims at promoting the best project funded under GALACTICA timeframe with the organization of a pitching contest as part of the investment forum and give visibility in form of posters of all selected beneficiaries.

Participants will present their best outcomes with the support received so far and a series of prizes is implemented to reward outstanding projects with the main goal of supporting scaling up of results.

The Final event program is implemented by EBAN, with the involvement of AEI Tèxtils (GALACTICA project coordinator) and the other project partners: ATEVAL, NTT, SAG, CORALLIA, EMC2, CTA, SPG, PRODUTECH.

The final event competition includes 3 categories of participation: **Orbital Project pitching**, **Pioneer Acceleration Pitching** and **Poster**.

For both pitching sessions, participation will be restricted and pre-selected in the qualifying round, whereas poster is open to all beneficiaries of GALACTICA open calls.

2. DATE AND LOCATION

The GALACTICA Final event competition will take place **in Barcelona on February 16th 2023**. Further details on the logistics and the venue will be timely communicated to all participants.

3. WHO CAN JOIN?

Eligible participants to join the final event competition are all beneficiaries funded under GALACTICA under the first or second call for proposals (funded SMEs in either Pioneer Acceleration or Orbital projects).

The team leader (person that submitted the proposal in the GALACTICA call) will apply on behalf of the whole consortium and centralize the communication.

General requirements to participate in the GALACTICA Final event competition is open to:

- SME beneficiaries of GALACTICA under the 1st and 2nd call for proposals, who have received funding for Pioneer Projects or Orbital Projects, either individual SMEs or consortia of SMEs as they were selected for funding.

Specifically, for “**Orbital Project Pitching**” category:

- SME Beneficiaries of Orbital projects with the same consortium as indicated in their grant agreement.

Specifically, for “**Pioneer Acceleration pitching**” category:

- SME Beneficiaries of Pioneer Acceleration projects with the same consortium (if applicable) as indicated in their grant agreement that have not been awarded an Orbital Project. In case the SME is participating in an Orbital project, it should select Orbital Project pitching instead.

Specifically, for “**Poster**” category:

- All eligible participants.

All eligible participants can apply for both **one of the pitching categories and the Poster category** simultaneously through their team leader.

4. EVENT LOGISTICS AND RELATED COST

Participation to the GALACTICA Final event competition is free of charge.

Travel vouchers will be available to cover for the expenses of **maximum 1 person** per SME or consortia (whichever form was used during the call for proposals that made the team eligible). The team leader will be invited to apply for travel voucher during December/January where she/he will nominate the representative person in the team for the voucher.

Should the team decide to have more people attending the event, the cost of their participation will be entirely at charge of the team, a separate registration form will be shared with all SMEs to identify other attendees.

For prize awarding purposes, all SMEs in a consortia will be considered eligible as long as they have one representative from the consortia to the in-person event.

5. REGISTRATION AND PRE-SELECTION

Participants are requested to register for the GALACTICA Final Event **Competition by 9th December 2022 at 17h CET** through the link they will receive by email or by accessing the “My Action” section on the call platform: <https://calls.galacticaproject.eu>. Participants must use the account from the team leader that submitted the application under GALACTICA for the registration purpose and application.

Registration form will include the selection of category(s) applied, a short summary of the progress to market of their project as well as the consent forms for data processing.

Following the registration, the team leader (coordinator of consortia or SME) will receive an email confirmation of the application.

Pre-Selection criteria for Orbital Project Pitching and Pioneer Acceleration Pitching:

Based on the information provided in the application and their past track-record in GALACTICA, at least 2 reviewers from within the consortium will rank each application for Pitching contest based on:

- the **expected impact score** (5 points) as communicated in their ESR report for their application on the call for proposals that made it eligible
- and **progress towards market** (5 points) during their time as beneficiaries assessed from the competition application form.

Coaches and mentors will be prioritized in the assignment for the pre-selection as they know better the projects ongoing. After the evaluation from both reviewers, a consensus meeting will define their final score and ranking. Up to 5 teams will be selected for each Pitching category.

No pre-selection will be made for Poster category, all eligible participants that have registered will be accepted for participation.

All non-pre-selected applicants for pitching will be offered (in case not already selected) to transfer into Poster category.

Communication of selected teams for Orbital Project Pitching and Pioneer Acceleration Pitching will be made no later than December 16th 2022.

On-site participation in the final event by at least one representative is mandatory in order to opt for the prizes.

6. DEDICATED TRAINING AND SUPPORT

The GALACTICA Final event competition program will offer free-to-access online training to review the pitches for selected teams during the week of February 1st to 7th.

In addition, a dedicated workshop on how to communicate effectively with a poster will be organized, open to all GALACTICA beneficiaries.

GALACTICA team will print all posters for participants. A specific template with general guidelines will be provided to all participants.

7. EXPECTED OUTPUT

The GALACTICA Final event competition will consist of the following outputs:

- **Pitching:** teams will be expected to deliver a live business pitch about their funded project under GALACTICA calls, with specific focus on the progress made and future plans.
 - o All pitching category participants must submit their final pitch (ppt, pptx or pdf) by **17h CET February 13th 2023** through the calls portal.
- **Posters:** teams will be expected to deliver a poster with content focusing on their project supported by GALACTICA, with major progress, results and ambitions.
 - o All poster category participants must submit their final poster (in ai, ppt, pptx or pdf format) by **17h CET January 20th 2023** through the calls portal.

All documents will be submitted through the GALACTICA calls platform.

8. EVALUATION

During the final event, external evaluators will score the contest: investors for pitches and technical experts in the field for posters. Criteria for the final score will be applied based on the pitch presented or poster displayed, evaluators will be able to ask on-spot some clarifying questions. No former documentation submitted to GALACTICA open calls will be used for the selection of awardees.

The evaluation and ranking criteria for Pitching (will be the same for both Pioneer and Orbital) and Poster are:

- Implementation strategy (40%) – quality of execution and future activities expected
- Organization impact (30%) – team, team growth due to GALACTICA and team potential growth in the future
- Market impact (20%) – value proposition and market potential
- Cross-Sectoral Innovation (10%) – degree of integration of the sectors

In case of ties, awards will go for highest score in Implementation strategy, Organization impact, Market impact, Cross-sectoral innovation, in this order, in case of continued tie the team with most gender balance.

9. AWARDING OF PRIZES

Each category will have 2 ranking lists, one per vertical featured in GALACTICA, Textile and Aerospace. Overall winner will be the highest score overall across the categories (combined from both ranking lists). Runner-ups will be the highest score per category in each vertical ranking list (excluding the overall winner).

The following prizes will be awarded at the end of the Final event competition:

“Orbital Project Pitching”:

- Winner 20k€,
- runner-up textile: 9k€,
- runner-up aerospace: 9k€.

“Pioneer Acceleration Pitching”:

- Winner 12k€
- runner-up textile: 7k€,
- runner-up aerospace: 7k€.

“Poster session”:

- Winner 5k€,
- runner-up textile: 2.5k€,
- runner-up aerospace: 2.5k€.

The amounts listed above are the **overall prize for the whole team in either category.**

In order to widen impact among beneficiaries, awardees of a pitching prize will not be eligible for poster prize. In case of this situation, the prize would be allocated to the next team in the ranking list.

All prizes will be paid within 2 weeks of the final event via bank transfer to each individual SME by one of the partners of GALACTICA (AEI Tèxtils, CTA, CORALLIA or SPG). In case joint applications (i.e. orbital projects or consortia in Pioneer Acceleration), payment will be done pro-rata as their specific budget in the call that gave access to the contest unless otherwise agreed by the beneficiary SMEs indicated in the application form or before the payment of prizes.

Each team will need to inform GALACTICA in case there are changes from the bank account(s) information provided during their tenure in GALACTICA calls where payments will be made within 2 weeks after the award notification.

Depending on the team composition, payments will be performed as follows:

- *Team entirely composed by 1 SME/Start-up:* one single payment with the total prize amount will be performed to the SME/Start-up.
- *Team composed by members from 2 or more SMEs/Start-ups:* by default, one single payment to each SME/Start-up in the team equal to the total awarded prize divided by the company share of budget in the call that gave access to the competition (i.e. share of their budget in their Orbital Project, or Pioneer Project). *For example, if a team participated in a Orbital Project with company A having a budget of 60k€ and company B having a budget of 40k€, company A will receive 60% of the prize and company B will receive 40%.*
Notwithstanding, the team might propose a different distribution of the prize payment among the SME/Start-ups in the team by sending a formal agreement during application

form with the agreed distribution among parties or with a formal signed agreement before its payment.

Prizes will be announced during the final event in the award ceremony.

If applicable, each winner is responsible for all federal, state, local, and other taxes related to the awarded prize.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY & OWNERSHIP OF THE RESULTS

Participants will own the intellectual property rights to all their developments made during the GALACTICA Final event competition. Ownership of the teams' output shall be with the teams' participants, who will jointly own the app concepts/draft developments. It is up to the respective teams to protect the developments in the relevant legislations.

The organiser confirms to not disclose any confidential information acquired through the organisation of the Final event competition to any third party. Participants acknowledge that all presentations (both pitches and posters) will be public, therefore it is advisable not to include sensitive or secret information in either the pitches or posters.

11. DATA PROTECTION

The organiser will handle and protect personal data of all Participants within the frame of the Data Protection Law in the EU - General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR. The personal data of all participants are handled exclusively in a Member State of the European Union or in a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area. Any transfer of personal data to a third country is excluded.

The participant allows the Organiser to transmit their contact details to the EC and GALACTICA project partners to inform them of all matters related to the Final Event competition program and of any other issues they deem relevant and appropriate. This includes the exercise of rights from the EC for audit and antifraud purposes through the European Antifraud office (OLAF) or the European Court of Auditors (ECA).

By participating in the GALACTICA Final Event competition, all participants acknowledge that the EC and GALACTICA project partners may use their names, country of origin, comments, likenesses, photos and videos (incl. photos/videos taken of the participants during the Final Event competition), and non-confidential descriptions of their projects developed during the Final Event competition in publicity or advertising concerning the GALACTICA Final Event competition or otherwise in any medium now known or hereafter devised (including the Internet or other interactive networks) at any place and time without further compensation or right of review and agree to waive their rights with respect to any such publicity and advertising.

The obligations related to personal data protection shall continue to be in effect for an unlimited period or as long as prescribed by applicable law.

12. USER SATISFACTION

Participants agree to complete a short user satisfaction questionnaire after the Final Event competition.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

The award decisions shall not be subject to legal challenge. The decisions rendered by the expert appointed by the organiser shall be final and binding for all participants of the GALACTICA Final Event competition. Participants shall have no right to a justification of such decisions.

The European Commission, the Coordinator and the Organiser reserve the right to modify these terms, including any of the deadlines set forth herein, at any time.

Participation in the GALACTICA Final Event competition shall be governed by Spanish law. The place of jurisdiction shall be Terrassa, Spain. This agreement is subject to the laws of Spain. In case of any dispute related to this agreement, the court of jurisdiction is the applicable court in Terrassa.

All winning teams have the obligation to communicate and publicize the award. Publicity of the prize by winning teams must include the EU emblem, the GALACTICA project logo and the sentence acknowledging that: *“The prize was awarded by GALACTICA project which has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 872336”*.

14. CONTACT

For more information, please visit <https://galacticaproject.eu/>

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