

Travel grants programme facilitating the participation in Innovat&Match 2019 in Bologna (Italy)

Up to 15 grants, of maximum 500€ each, have been made available to support organizations and individuals from outside Italy in their participation to the brokerage event [Innovat&Match 2019](#).

Framework of travel grants

In 2019 at its 13th edition, [Innovat&Match](#) is the brokerage event featuring two days of bilateral business meetings focused on technology, research and innovation, organized by ASTER S. Cons. p. A. in cooperation with CNA Emilia Romagna, Confindustria Emilia-Romagna, PROMOS ITALIA, Unioncamere Emilia-Romagna – regional partners of the SIMPLER Consortium and members of the Enterprise Europe Network. The event will be held in Bologna (Italy) on 6 and 7 June 2019 in the framework of [R2B - Research to Business 2019](#), the 14th International Exhibition on Industrial Research and competences for Innovation promoted by the Emilia-Romagna Region, Bologna Fiere, ASTER and SMAU.

Innovat&Match allows different technology, innovation and research stakeholders to gather for business opportunities, professional cooperation and exchange. Participants are invited to promote their innovative research, products and services in order to start further collaborations. Participants can:

- present, discuss and develop new project ideas at an international level
- find new partners for technological development
- build quality partnerships in view of the European projects calls
- start cross-border contacts and cooperations
- foster effective networking
- participate in short, 30 minutes one-to-one meetings.

Topics:

R2B will explore the solutions that the **Artificial intelligence (AI)** could offer to the most important production systems and **Innovat&Match 2019** will be the most important tool to match the offer and demand of innovation in this fields:

- Agrifood
- Building and Construction
- Energy and Sustainable Development
- Cultural and Creative Industries
- Life Sciences and Well-being
- Service Innovation & Big Data
- Mechatronics and Transports

Detailed topics of the brokerage event are available online at:

<https://innovatemark2019.b2match.io/page-4771>

Type of grant recipients

This grant programme is intended to financially support the participation to the brokerage event Innovat&Match 2019 by reimbursing travel and accommodation expenses. Recipients have to be based in countries which are branches of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) - **except from Italy**, where the event will be held. Recipients can be companies including start-ups, universities, research promotion agencies, research centres, public organizations, consultants and clusters. The complete list of countries part of the EEN is available following the link <http://een.ec.europa.eu/about/branches>.



How to apply for the grant

Eligibility criteria

Eligibility criteria are mandatory conditions potential applicants have to met in order to qualify as a candidate for the grant selection:

- Work in one of the **countries** which are [branches of the Enterprise Europe Network](#) – except from Italy;
- **Register as a participant to Innovat&Match 2019** - at <https://innovatmatch2019.b2match.io/> - by filling in all fields required in the registration form;
- **Create at least one complete Marketplace entry** in the Marketplace of the website. Candidates can create more than one Marketplace entry, according to what they are offering/looking for. The Marketplace enables participants to list their offers and requests, stating what kind of technology, product and/or expertise are offered and sought, as well as which ideas candidates would like to discuss with potential collaboration partners. More details can be found in the [Marketplace guide](#), open for download also in the Innovat&Match home page;
- **Express the willingness to apply for this travel grant.** Candidates can do so in the registration form by answering “Yes, and I will complete my profile according to the Guidelines” to the question about Travel grant;
- Participate in meetings booked in the personal Agenda during at least 2 of the 3 meetings sessions, during which candidates are present in **at least 8 of their meetings booked in Agenda** (*this condition will be checked during and immediately after the event*);

Evaluation criteria for selection

Eligible profiles will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Compliance of the applicant’s areas of activities to the topics of Innovat&Match 2019;
- Quality of experience in international research cooperation activities gained;
- Quality of the organization profile;
- Quality of Marketplace entry or entries;
- Project idea or cooperation for which an Italian partner is sought.



Selection process

ASTER will be responsible for the evaluation, formality and eligibility check of applications received. Applications which do not comply with the eligibility criteria will not be considered eligible for the evaluation process.

The evaluation will be carried out based on the scoring matrix below. The maximum score an application can receive is 45 points. The first 15 participants profiles with higher total score results will qualify as grant recipients.

Evaluation criteria	Scoring (max. 45 points)	Minimum scoring to be selected
Compliance of the applicant's activities to the topics of Innovat&Match 2019	0 to 10 points	6 points
Quality of experience in international research cooperation activities gained	0 to 10 points	6 points
Quality of the organization profile	0 to 10 points	7 points
Quality of Marketplace entry or entries	0 to 10 points	7 points
Project idea or cooperation for which an Italian partner is sought	0 to 5 points	

Grant recipients selected will be notified via email. Selected candidates shall answer this notification email to accept or reject the offered grant and to inform ASTER about their presence at Innovat&Match 2019. **The deadline for accepting the grant is 17 May 2019.** Candidates not selected for the grant will be informed as well via email. Candidates will receive all communication to the email address given in the registration form. All applicants are thus kindly invited to check their inbox regularly.

Reimbursement policy

SMAU is responsible for the provision of grants and for the whole reimbursement process. Successful candidates will receive the grant after Innovat&Match 2019 as a reimbursement of participation costs. Expenses valid for reimbursement are travel and accommodation expenses. Reimbursement will cover these expenses within the total reimbursement cap of 500€.

Eligible **travel expenses** are:

- national or international flights and trains;
- buses;
- local public transports (buses and taxis within Bologna).

Eligible **accommodation expenses** goes up to a maximum of two nights.

If the cost of participation exceeds this amount, additional expenses will be covered by candidates. Reimbursement of expenses will be done in Euros by bank transfer (if a conversion is needed, this will be automatically calculated by the bank at the day of payment).

Grant recipients are invited to keep all original receipts, as they will be required to submit a copy of these along with the reimbursement claim.

Participants will have to submit travel reimbursement claim **within 4 weeks** after the event.

Costs will be reimbursed upon:

- participation to Innovat&Match 2019 for at least 2 of the 3 meetings sessions, during which grant recipients are present in at least 8 of their meetings booked in Agenda;
- filling in of the feedback form of the event sent electronically by the organisers;
- presentation of copies of receipts of costs borne (e.g. tickets, boarding cards etc.) to SMAU.

SMAU may contact grants recipients before the end of the event and inform ASTER about their presence at Innovat&Match 2019. SMAU will manage the reimbursement process via an Assignment Letter; grants recipients might be asked to sign Assignment Letters at the event venue.

Deadlines

Deadline for applying: **6 May 2019.**

Candidates will be informed of the selection process **within 13 May 2019.**

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