

Largest European collaborative project to date launches funding programme

## **€1M to finance 10 demonstrators of Energy Applications**

Applications are open until June 26

**Around a million euros is the amount available for companies of EU member-states to develop and deploy energy applications that can help mitigate the impact of the current energy crisis. The initiative, launched as part of a cascade funding scheme, is open until June 26.**

The InterConnect funding programme is aimed at European start-ups, SMEs, Mid-caps, and large companies. Each application will receive a maximum amount of €100K to develop the solutions. This is the second open call for financing, which aims to develop and deploy energy applications that can help mitigate the impact of the current energy crisis by enhancing grid stability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and lowering energy costs for consumers through the Common European Reference Framework for Energy (CERF).

Portugal, the Netherlands, Italy, and Greece have already ongoing demonstrators proposals which means that they are excluded from the current call. Still, companies from EU member-states can propose demonstrations in other EU countries.

The ideal candidate will have already built up a sizable consumer base, demonstrating their ability to attract and engage their audience. “The participants on this call will be developing an Energy Application that will make use of the semantic interoperability modules developed within InterConnect to interpret signals from electric grid operators to inform consumers of the best time of the day to allocate their appliances and systems”, explained David Rua, project coordinator and researcher at INESC TEC.

The selection process is a two-step journey, with up to ten projects from eligible countries being handpicked to develop their Specification & Development Plan within just one month. Finally, up to seven exceptional projects will be granted the opportunity to integrate, implement, and test their energy applications using InterConnect’s world-class interoperable framework, top-notch services, and data sources.

“This is an opportunity for companies to benefit from a high visibility theme to propose applications and create business models based on the participation of consumers to contribute to the grid resiliency actively”, said Rosa Villaronga, Project Manager at FundingBox.

All information and documentation can be found at the Open Calls Website page (<https://interconnectproject.eu/open-calls/>), as well as the required application forms.

On June 21, at 11 am (CEST), a webinar with Interconnect tech experts will take place to clarify any doubts regarding the application submissions. Registration for the event is here: <https://shorturl.at/fzRW5>

Applications are open until June 26, 5 p.m. (Brussels time).

The InterConnect project brings together 50 European partners from 11 EU countries to develop tools for the interoperability between devices, systems and the energy grid and has received

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