Funding opportunities in the agri-tech sector webinar

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SmartAgriHubs and agROBOfood are pleased to invite you to their upcoming webinar promoting open calls in the European agri-food sector. Join us on 24th of November from 10:00/ 11:00 (GMT/ CET) to 11:30/ 12:30 (GMT/ CET) to learn about these exciting funding opportunities. Register to participate in this free event here. Closing date for registration is 23 November, 2020!

AgROBOfood Call for Industrial Challenges

agROBOfood is offering 2.7 M€ to SMEs through its' Open Call for Industrial Challenges! The overall concept of the Industrial Challenges is that real industry problems seek real tech solutions. In this context, the agri-food and robotics consortium partners together with the Industrial Advisory Board have defined real industry challenges/problems stemming from their portfolio. Each challenge is composed of a technical component and a complementary component. The technical component demands the development or improvement of (existing) robotic technology-based solutions The complementary component requires a socio-economic analysis or assessments of complementary social, economic, environmental, or ethical aspects of the newly designed solution. There are 5 defined challenges in this open call related to crop spraying, fresh & processed food industry, livestock industry, harvesting robots and cleaning robots on livestock farms.

The deadline for application is 20 January, 2021.

SmartAgriHubs RESTART and EXPAND open calls addressing the agri-food economy

SmartAgriHubs will assign up to 5,000,000€ funding to the RESTART and EXPAND open calls, addressing Digital Innovation Hubs that are supporting diverse stakeholders in the agri-food economy and specifically SMEs as drivers for digital innovation. RESTART the Economy around Food Systems: a focused open call for hackathon type of activities that will RESTART the economy around the agri-food related sectors and affected food systems. EXPAND the network: The major amount of funding will be assigned to the implementation of programmes

by Digital Innovation Hubs to support the realisation of Innovation Experiments. The RESTART & EXPAND open calls were published on July 08th 2020. It is possible to submit proposals until July 28th 2021. At several deadlines during that period, batches of proposals will be evaluated and can be started accordingly.

Webinar Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome *by Moderator*
10:05 – 10:20	Information on SmartAgriHubs Open calls, overall challenges and what you need to consider in your future proposal *by* ***Harald Sundmaeker****, Senior Researcher, ATB Institute for Applied Systems Technology, Bremen*
10:20 – 10:35	RADAR: Resilience through Automation and Digital Acceleration in Response to Covid-19, Open Call Funding case study *by* ***Rebecca Lewis****, New Business & Proposals Manager, Agri-Epi Centre*
10:35 – 10:50	agROBOfood Open Call for Industrial Challenges: a guide to the process *by* ***Dragana Petković****, Deputy Coordinator of agROBOfood, project mager at BioSense Institute*
10:50 - :11:05	The Dos & Don'ts when Preparing your Proposal, A Reviewer's Perspective *by* ***Christoph Berndt****, independent evaluator in agROBOfood project*
11:05 – 11:30	Q&A Session

11:30	End of webinar

The Speakers

Harald Sundmaeker

Harald is senior researcher at ATB Institute for Applied Systems Technology Bremen GmbH. Since 1998 working as scientific staff member at ATB in consultancy & research projects. Involved in national research activities & in several international research programmes since the 4th EC FRP, overtaking the role as local project manager & project coordinator of international research projects. Researching on topics related to digital innovation, IoT, mobile & collaborative work within different business domains. In the SmartAgriHubs project, he takes care for the open calls supporting expansion of Digital Innovation for the agri-food sector, managing cascade funding for Startups & SMEs as well as for research & innovation initiatives.

Rebecca Lewis

Rebecca is responsible for managing our pipeline of collaborative R&D projects, from conception to consortium building, submission of applications & project start up. Rebecca works with the organisation's membership of farming, agri-tech, & food industry members as well as technical & business development teams to develop project ideas that drive productivity & sustainability in agri-food value chains. Prior to joining Agri-EPI, Rebecca's background was in consulting in the international agri-food supply chain, spanning all sectors but especially dairy, livestock & horticulture.

Dragana Petković

Dragana works as a Project Manager at the Business Development Department at BioSense Institute & as the coordinator of BioSense Accelerator for early-stage agri-tech startups. She graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences in Belgrade. She is the co-founder of the Co-working Association of Serbia, one of the founders and former executive director of Startit, leading IT & startup support organization in Serbia. Previously she worked as a consultant on various entrepreneurial ecosystem development projects with GIZ & Port of Belgrade, and she worked as a mentor & consultant for startups in different industries.

Christoph Berndt

Christoph has 15 years of experience in finance & management, as CEO, CFO, CRO and financial advisor to international companies across industries. For several years, Christoph is advising & mentoring startups across various stages of development & domains, mainly in the areas of business models, financial planning, funding & investment readiness; he also organizes investments for equity & debt through a wide network of investors. Christoph provides lectures & workshops on topics around investments & investment readiness; he is a mentor in the 'Proof of Concept' program of the Innovation Fund in Serbia, as well as a mentor in the BioSense Accelerator for AgriFoodTech; he further serves as external evaluator for business & investment related topics in EU-funded projects.

The Projects

About AgROBOfood

agROBOfood is an Horizon 2020 project aiming to build a European ecosystem for the effective adoption of robotic technologies in the agrifood sector and to support SMEs become more efficient and competitive. agROBOfood connects the world of Robotics, Agriculture, R&D and business by creating a sustainable network of Digital Innovation Hubs.

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 825395.

About SmartAgriHubs

SmartAgriHubs is a €20 M EU project under the Horizon 2020 instrument, and brings together a consortium of well over 164 partners in the European agri-food sector. The project aims to realise the digitisation of European agriculture by fostering an agricultural innovation ecosystem dedicated to excellence, sustainability and success.

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