

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## SMES SELECTION PROCESS

- To participate, you have to create an account on [www.sme4smartcities.eu](http://www.sme4smartcities.eu) platform
- Once logged in, check The project section for more info on the application process
- If interested, apply for the call for proposals and submit a Short Application (Concept Note) by 23 November 2021 18:00 CET & if successful you will be able to participate in training & collaboration activities between SMEs & cities
- If you successfully complete Step 1 you will be invited to submit a Full application (Step 2) and compete for financial support to develop and test your Smart City Solution.
- To apply for the open call, SMEs must:
  - be established in Spain (Andalucia, Catalonia, Comunidad Valenciana, Murcia, Islas Baleares, Ceuta, Melilla, Extremadura, Castilla La Mancha, Aragon), Italy (Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Liguria, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana, Molise, Abruzzo, Marche, Umbria, Emilia Romagna, Piemonte), Israel or Palestine
  - be able to develop/co-develop Smart City solutions to the main urban challenges identified
  - have the ability to work in an international environment

## SPECIFIC CHALLENGES

- Smart Parking (Spain)
- Easy and safe usage of electric vehicles (Spain)
- Climate change adaptation and improvement of city environments (Italy)
- Urban environment – “Heat Island” issue (Israel)
- Water sanitation, supply, management, and monitoring (Palestine)

## WHAT'S IN FOR THE MED SMES ?

1.SMEs selected after the Short Application will participate in the following activities financially supported by SME4SMARTCITIES:

- Training & Support in the development of new Smart City products and services
  - Online training course
  - Online coaching and support service
  - Webinars with SMEs, civil servants, and Smart City experts
- Co-creation, co-innovation activities, and collaboration between SMEs & cities
  - Matchings between the SMEs and technology developers
  - Entrepreneurial missions to project territories
  - Information exchange with cities / public buyers of solutions from the project territories

2. SMEs selected after the Full application step will be granted financial support to develop and test their proposed Smart City solutions to the specific urban challenges identified.

Maximum sub-grant offered per Smart City Solution per call EUR 45,000\*

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\*only the SMEs that were evaluated positively on the Full Application and are invited for a contract signature will received the subgrant money