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## EU Project DIVA Newsletter

*A newsletter of the EU Project DIVA activities*

Welcome to the third Edition of the EU Project DIVA Newsletter. Find a summary of the most relevant issues that we have been working on lately, and the main activities that will take place in the nearest future.

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### RECENT NEWS



#### The first DIVA Call for Solutions was a success! The 1st wave of funded projects are ready to kick off!

More than **200 SMEs** applied to the Call and a total of 147 proposals have been submitted from all the DIVA countries: France (49), Greece (11), Ireland (7), Italy (15), Portugal (26) and Spain (39).

During the last two months, the DIVA consortium evaluated all these applications to select the best projects for maturation (€10,000), demonstration (up to €60,000) or internationalisation activities (€30,000).

The final ranking determined that a total of 66 out of 147 proposals submitted will be beneficiaries of a DIVA grant in this first call. The selected projects to be funded will proceed within the next month with the formalisation of the Grant Agreement and their kick-off.

According to the different types of instruments included in the call, the projects which have obtained a DIVA grant are as follows:

- 44 Maturation projects
- 10 Small-scale demonstration projects
- 9 Large-scale demonstration projects
- 3 Internationalisation projects

During the next 12 to 18 months, DIVA partners will be in charge of following-up the projects during their execution period in order to support the SME's, to guarantee the highest effectiveness in the implementation and to ensure success in reaching the envisaged outcomes.

For those who missed the chance to apply for this first call, a second DIVA Call will be open by the end of 2019.

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### **The new internationalisation support agencies tool will be soon available on DIVA Official Website**

DIVA project is currently preparing a specific online portfolio of detailed information about worldwide collaborators that could provide soft-landing support and orientation to startups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that would like to internationalise their business or open new markets overseas related to agro-food, forestry and environmental sectors.

The final portfolio is expected to be ready and published in the following weeks, once the building alliances process with the international agencies has been concluded and collaboration agreements with them has been signed.

DIVA partners have identified the most valuable international agencies that could eventually provide that sort of services in several geographic areas of interest for the digitech industry with applications in DIVA sectors, and have an strong background and professional experience in innovation or/and trade contexts.

COMING SOON!



### **Advanced preview about the Online European B2B DIVA Event**

In order to facilitate the links between SMEs from different DIVA partner countries and encourage the emergence of tras-

national projects, a **special session of B2B meetings** will be held at the beginning of July. The event will be completely online using a matchmaking platform providing video connections. A way to meet stakeholders, other SMEs or clusters from the 6 DIVA partner countries. Registration will be available in June. Get prepared!

**MORE INFO:**

**Do you want to know more about the DIVA Project in your country?**

Check [this section](#) on our website and do not hesitate to get in touch with the leading organisation in your country.



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