



**FIT-4-NMP**

Strategic and targeted support  
to incentivise talented newcomers  
to NMP projects under Horizon Europe

# Support for Lithuanian newcomers to participate in NMP projects in Horizon Europe

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# FIT-4-NMP's Main Objective



Increase the participation of **talented newcomers\*** from **underrepresented regions\*\*** in the Horizon Europe programme in **nanotechnologies, advanced materials and advanced manufacturing and processing (NMP)**

**\*Talented newcomers** = promising NMP innovation organisations (SMEs, MNEs, PROs, HEIs) which did not participate in a Horizon 2020 NMBP project

**\*\* Underrepresented regions** = regions in EU-13, EU-15 and Associated Countries (AC) which have NMP innovation capacities but had a low participation in Horizon 2020 NMP (about 75% of EU-13 regions, 10% of EU-15 regions, 35% of AC regions)

Includes  
Lithuania!



FIT-4-NMP is a **free support service** co-run by 10 partners including MITA





# FIT-4-NMP's Free Support Services for Talented Newcomers

- Organise innovation workshops with Top Innovators.
- Provide training on tech-transfer, proposal writing and use of European networking portals.
- Increase access to European Partnerships.
- Provide information resources via e-newsletter and website.



# Innovation workshops with Top Innovators



- “Top Innovators” are organisations that have been repeatedly successful in H2020 NMP e.g. CEA, VTT, TU Dresden, TU Delft, ...
- By partnering with “Top Innovators” in Horizon Europe proposals, talented newcomers can increase their chances of success.
- We will hold 1<sup>st</sup> innovation workshop online on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec with CEA
  - CEA is the world's most innovative public research organisation.
  - Review potential collaboration on 4-5 NMP topics for Horizon Europe/Pillar 2 call deadline on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
  - Newcomers registered with FIT-4-NMP invited to attend.



# Training on technology-transfer



- Lack of tech-transfer skills is often a bottleneck to collaboration between public research organisations/universities and private industry (especially in EU-13 and Associated Countries).
- FIT-4-NMP will organize six (6) tech-transfer training workshops
  - Workshops run by Association of European Science and Technology Transfer Professionals (ASTP).
  - Newcomers registered with FIT-4-NMP invited to attend
  - 1<sup>st</sup> workshop to be held around 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022.



# Training on proposal writing



- Lack of strong proposal writing skills is often cited as a barrier to submitting competitive NMP proposals.
- FIT-4-NMP organizes practical proposal writing workshops:
  - Widening Twinning online training held 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.
  - Horizon Europe Pillar 2 (Clusters 4 and 5) training following CEA innovation workshop in early 2022.
  - EIC Accelerator training in first quarter of 2022 (involving experienced proposal writers and evaluators).
  - M-ERA.NET training in first quarter of 2022.
  - Newcomers registered with FIT-4-NMP invited to attend.



# Training on use of European networking portals



- Low visibility and lack of connections is limiting chances to join the consortia preparing collaborative proposals
- FIT-4-NMP organizes practical online training sessions:
  - How to use “Partner Search” facility on the Funding & Tenders Portal.
  - How to participate efficiently in networking and brokerage events.
  - How to prepare and register technology offers and technology requests to the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) portal.
  - 1st online training session today at 10:00 to prepare newcomers for Horizon Europe - Digital & Industry - Face2face Brokerage (2-3 Dec 2021)







# Increase access to European Partnerships

- FIT-4-NMP has close links with European Partnerships e.g. Processes4Planet, BATT4EU Partnership, Made in Europe, ...
  - Participated in Processes4Planet brokerage event on 28-29 Oct 2021.
    - Relayed expressions of interest from proposal pitchers to newcomers.
  - Recently invited by BATT4EU Partnership to propose EU-13 organisations to help define battery topics for 2023-2024 work programme.
    - Provided names of 18 organisations from 8 countries.





# Provide information resources via e-newsletter and website

- FIT-4-NMP e-newsletter provides regular updates about NMP related brokerage events and training.
- FIT-4-NMP website
  - Newcomers' profiles are promoted via the website.
  - Training videos and presentations available (e.g. Widening Twinning).
  - Reports and interactive map to help find Top Innovators for Horizon Europe calls.





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