

Launch of €4 million fund for new Applications in Smart Agriculture

On 15th September, the [SmartAgriFood](#) accelerator officially launched a €4 million open call for SMEs and web-entrepreneurs to develop a new generation of smart agriculture applications and services building on [FIWARE](#) technology. These new ICT products will be designed for use by farmers and food producers to help them increase productivity while minimising their environmental footprint. Intelligent machines, sensor networks, and smart ICT are important ingredients for the future of farming!

The SmartAgriFood accelerator wants to fund web entrepreneurs and SMEs with new or innovative ideas for applications and services to address the lack of smart ICT tools suited for farm and wider agricultural use. New or existing applications should use FIWARE technologies (an innovative, open cloud-based infrastructure for cost-effective creation and delivery of future internet applications and services) and ideally be delivered through the [FIspace](#) platform (an integrated collaboration system).

How will it work? Grants of up to €100K will be granted by SmartAgriFood to SMEs and web developers and will be distributed over 3 phases of development:

- Stage 1 Prototype development
- Stage 2 End user trials
- Stage 3 Business development

The SmartAgriFood accelerator has joined forces with the Europe-wide [ICT-AGRI](#) network to provide SMEs and web entrepreneurs with an additional €2M in funding to pay for expert advice and support services for the successful SMEs.

It's not only about funding though! Through the combined networks of the SmartAgriFood accelerator and ICT- AGRI, SMEs and web entrepreneurs will be provided with unrivalled access to technology, agricultural and innovation experts right across Europe. This support will help SMEs to grow their business by providing access to useful data for the development of new applications/services; providing hands-on technical support and advice in prototype development; setting up end user trials for testing the new application in different European countries; and supporting the SME in securing access to start-up and growth financing.

The SmartAgriFood call for applications closes on the **15th of November**.

For full details on the SmartAgriFood call go to www.smartagrifood.com

For more about ICT – AGRI, go to www.ict-agri.eu

For more about FIWARE, go to www.fi-ware.org

For more about FIspace, go to www.fispace.eu

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