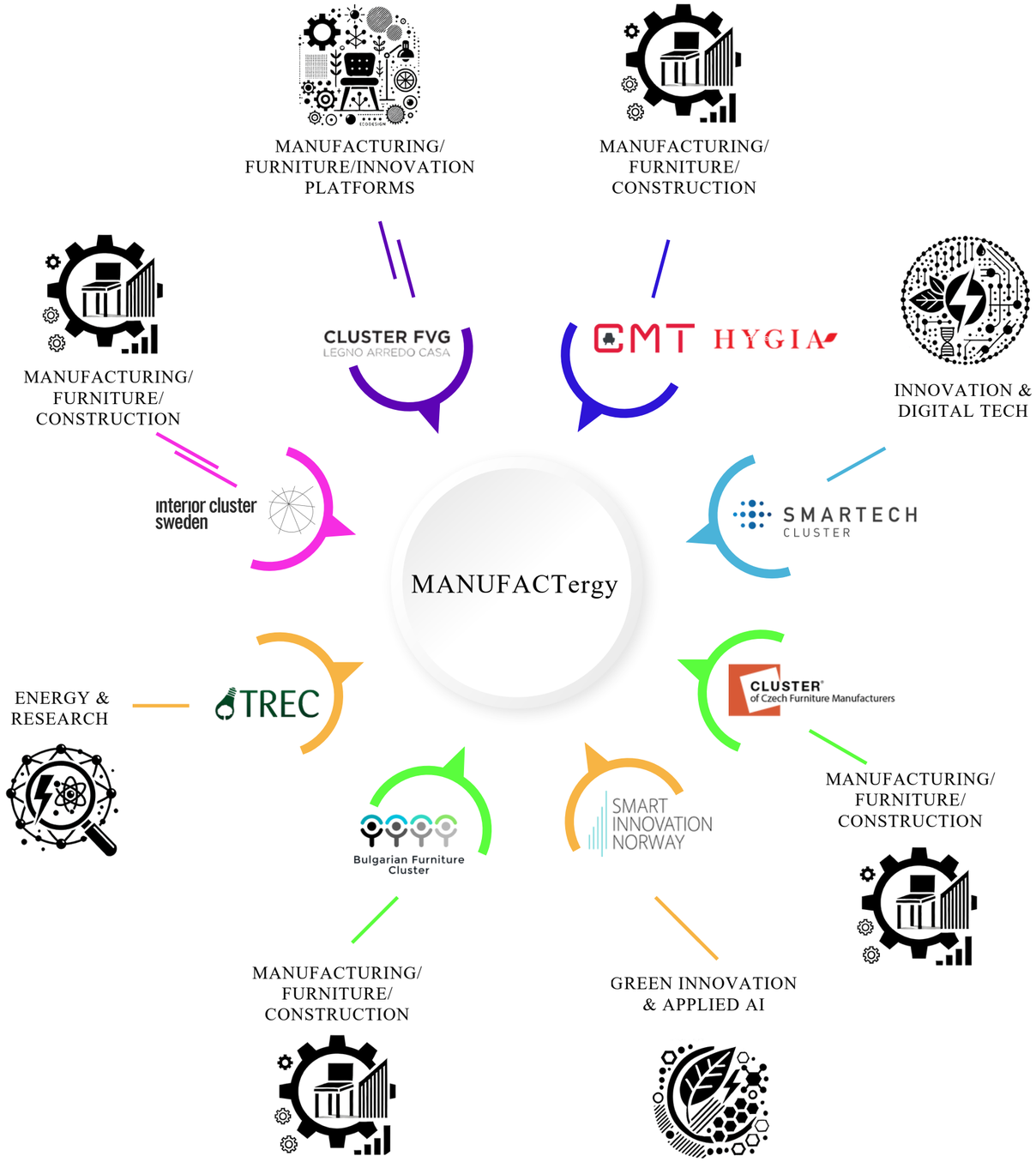


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MANUFACTergy

MANUFACTuring and enERGY Synergies for Sustainable Operations

27th of January 2026

The MANUFACTergy project has planned the implementation of two typologies of Financial Support to Third Parties - **FSTP to be activated through open calls for the cascade funding.**

1st Call

FACTORY CHECK-IN

To support the development of DESIGN STUDIES, including assessment of energy and resource needs through a detailed analysis of current deficiencies and opportunities; consultancy services on energy efficiency and resource optimization to identify areas for improvement; prepare for the innovation and adoption of new processes or advanced technologies. The maximum amount of the lump sum is **10,000.00 euro per project.**



2nd Call

FACTORY TRANSITION

Focuses on embracing innovative solutions tied to technological adoption leading to higher digitalisation and enhanced competitiveness, sustainability and/or, digitalisation, and/or for innovating business processes. The maximum amount of the lump sum is **50.000 euro per project.**

CALL TIMELINE

10th of February 2026, 10:00 am CET

CALL OPENING

10th of April 2026, 17:00 CET

SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRY CLOSES

17th of April 2026, 17:00 CET

CALL CLOSING

May 2026

EVALUATION OF RESULTS

June 2026

EXPECTING STARTING DATE

OBJECTIVES

To support **SMEs** in the manufacturing sector, namely **furniture** and **construction,** through a cascade funding mechanism.

SMEs will access funding by forming **a partnership with a service provider,** either selected from the **MANUFACTergy SOLUTIONS PROVIDERS REGISTRY (not compulsory**) or described in the template for application.

All eligible activities under FACTORY CHECK-IN must demonstrably contribute to the preparation of **innovation and adoption of new processes or advanced technologies**. Activities resulting solely in descriptive analyses without a clear implementation perspective will not be considered sufficient.

FACTORY CHECK-IN

Award up to € 10,000 in financial support per project submitted by SMEs in partnership with a selected Solution Provider

The MANUFACTergy grant may cover **up to 90%** of the total eligible project costs. **Applicants must contribute at least 10% co-financing** of the total eligible costs.

MANUFACTergy will select up to **37 projects**.

Selected projects will have a period **of 4 to 6 months** to access and implement the services provided by expert consultants.

The beneficiaries should complete the projects no later than **30th November 2026.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible Beneficiaries

- **Be an SME** - in full compliance with Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003.
- EU and non-EU countries participating in SMP. CHANGES: The 50% allocation of cluster members partners whill be implemented as a tie-breaking procedure.
  - At least 10% of the supported SMEs must come from EU regions different from the countries of individual MANUFACTergy partners.
- **Be active in the targeted industrial sector:** Furniture manufacturing and Manufacturing of building components and construction-related products.
- **Partner with an expert/service and/or technology provider(s),** specializing in smart manufacturing, renewable energy, AI-driven process optimization, and circular economy solutions or alike.

Eligible Activities

Activities are eligible as long as they are addressing the main objective of the FACTORY CHECK-IN call.

A DESIGN STUDY is a customized transition plan toward more energy-efficient and sustainable manufacturing processes. The **DESIGN STUDY** is developed and signed by the service provider, as expert.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Application has to be submitted online on **EUSurvey platform.**

- Complete the APPLICATION FORM directly online.

- Declaration of Honour - ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS signed by the SME Applicant (and uploaded online in the pdf format).

