



PROJECT

POLREC

INFO SESSION

2nd TRAINING OPEN CALL

14 January 2025 | 10 h – 11 h (CET)



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Agenda

- 10:00 - Presentation of the POLREC project
- 10:15 - Presentation of the POLREC 2nd Networking Open Call
- 10:20 - Presentation of the POLREC 2nd Training Open Call.
- 10:40 - Questions and answers.
- 11:00 - End of the session.

The recording and presentation of this session
will be sent to all registered participants.



Euroclusters 2021



- 30 Euroclusters.
- €42 million (75% for SMEs).
- 171 members.
- 23 countries.
- Euroclusters Open Calls



POLREC - Project Overview



POLREC - Supporting a green and resilient Europe through POLymer RECycling

Objective: Support European industry to switch practices from polymers waste landfilling and burning towards polymer recycling into raw materials.

Long-term ambition: Encourage polymer industry's capacity to reduce the environmental impact of its products and increase the European strategic autonomy in its supply of raw materials for polymer production.



PROJECT DURATION

36 months



START AND FINISH DATES

1/09/2022 - 31/08/2025

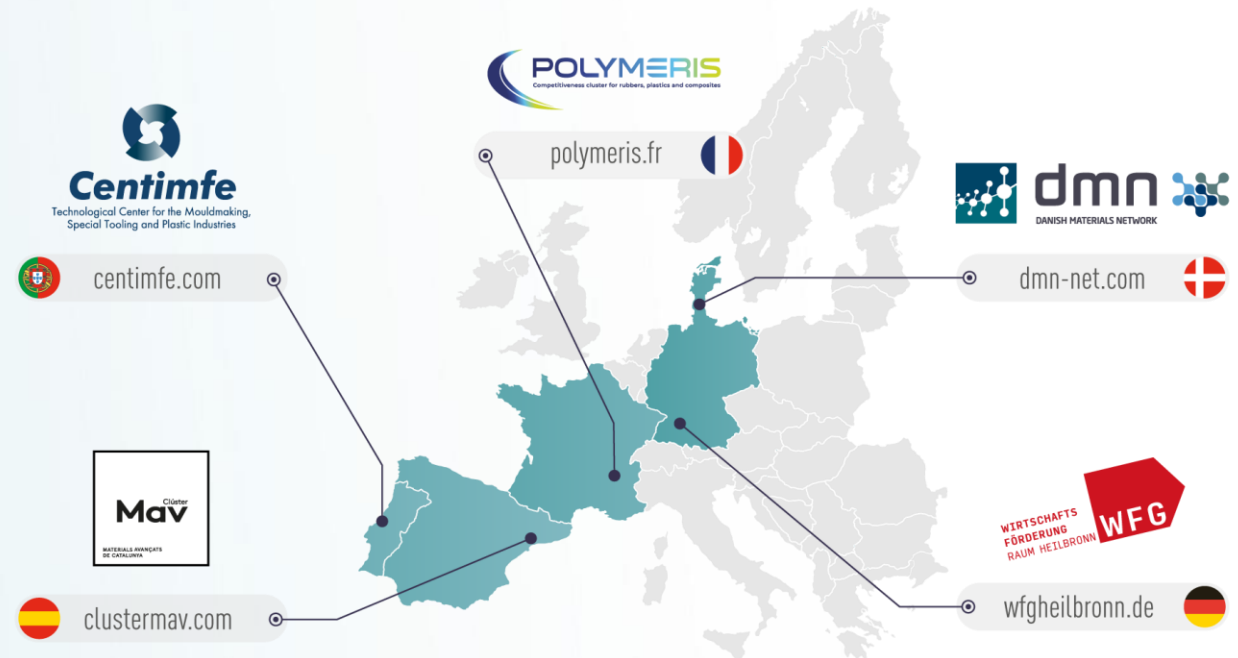


TOTAL BUDGET

1.288.206 €

BUDGET FOR SMEs (75%)

967.900 €



POLREC - Support to SMEs



INNOVATION



Test of polymer recycling solutions and digital tools

Call topics:

Access to Mechanical Recycling
Access to Chemical Recycling
Access to Digital Recycling

► **Open Call:** 1/09/2023 - 31/10/2023

► **Budget per grant:** up to 30,000 €

► **Total budget:** 660,000 €

TRAINING



Professional training for polymer recycling

Call topics:

Training on innovative methods
Training on digital processes
Training on specific technical profiles

► **1st Open Call:** 21/05/2024 - 31/10/2024

► **2nd Open Call:** 25/11/2024 - 25/02/2025

► **Budget per grant:** up to 1.460 €
(max 2,920 € per SME)

► **Total budget:** 105,000 €

NETWORKING



Participation to trade fairs and to match-making missions

Call topics:

Match-making mission to Quebec (Canada)
Participation to trade fairs

► **1st Open Call:** 22/03/2024 - 22/05/2024

► **2nd Open Call:** 15/01/2025 - 14/03/2025

► **Budget per grant:** up to 3,600 €

► **Total budget:** 202,900 €



POLREC - Support to SMEs



INNOVATION



Test of polymer recycling solutions and digital tools

Results Open Call:

- ▶ 25 awarded projects
- ▶ 23 different SMEs
- ▶ 6 different countries (7 Spain, 3 Portugal, 9 France, 3 Denmark, 2 Ireland, 1 Sweden)

TRAINING



Professional training for polymer recycling

Results 1st Open Call:

- ▶ 50 awarded applications
- ▶ 37 different SMEs
- ▶ 6 different countries (16 France, 13 Denmark, 8 Spain, 1 Germany, 1 Ukraine, 1 Greece)
- ▶ Budget available for 2nd Open Call: 45,500€ (~31 applications)

NETWORKING



Participation to trade fairs and to match-making missions

Results Match-making Mission:

- ▶ 10 SMEs
- ▶ 4 different countries (6 France, 2 Denmark, 1 Netherlands, 1 Belgium)

Results 1st Open Call Networking

- ▶ 18 awarded SMEs



2nd Networking Open Call



Funding to European SMEs in the polymers and elastomers sectors to attend trade fairs, conferences, and matchmaking events in 2025.

- EU events: Up to €1,500 per SME (€500 per day)
- Overseas events: Up to €2,500 per SME (up to 5 days attendance)

Application Dates:

- Open: January 15, 2025
- Close: March 14, 2025

Eligibility:

- SMEs from COSME-participating countries
- Events should align with POLREC goals, including polymer recycling and international value chains





2nd Networking Open Call

Calendar

Step	Dates
Period open for submissions of proposals	15 January – 14 March 2025
Evaluation & Selection of winners	14 March- 21 March 2025
Notification letters sent out to candidates	21 March – 26 March 2025
Signature of the Financial Agreements (FA)	Before 4th April 2025
Activity Report (template will be available on the submission platform)	1 month after the end of the event (events have to take place before July 15 th 2025).
Final payments of the total sub-grant upon approval of the final activity report on the networking event attended.	After approval payment will be processed within 10 days.



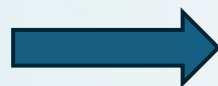
2nd Networking Open Call



Fairs & Exhibitions 2025 ongoing

Date	Fair	Country	Location	Link
22.01. - 23.01.2025	Pharmapack	Paris	France	https://www.pharmapackeurope.com/en/home.html
04.02. - 06.02.2025	International Trade Fair for Plastics Industry	Poland	Warsaw	https://warsawplastexpo.com/en/
04.02. - 06.02.2025	MD&M West	USA	Anaheim	https://www.mdmwest.com/en/home.html
25.02. - 26.02.2025	KPA - Kunststoffprodukte Aktuell	Germany	Ulm	https://www.kpa-messe.de/messeprofil/
04.03. - 06.03.2025	JEC World 2025	France	Paris	https://www.jec-world.events/
11.03. - 14.03.2025	Plastimagen	México	Ciudad de México	https://www.plastimagen.com.mx/en
12.03. - 13.03.2025	Americana	Canada	Montreal	https://www.reseau-environnement.com
12.03. - 13.03.2025	Circular Valley Convention 2025	Germany	Düsseldorf	https://cvc-duesseldorf.com/
12.03. - 13.03.2025	Plastics & Rubber	Spain	Barcelona	https://www.plastics-rubber.es/
13.03. - 14.03.2025	C2C Congress 2025	Germany	Berlin	Startseite - International Cradle to Cradle Congress (c2c-congress.org)
01.04. - 02.04.2025	PRSE 2025	Netherlands	Amsterdam	www.prseventeurope.com
15.04. - 18.04.2025	Chinaplas 2025	China	Shenzhen	https://www.chinaplasonline.com/
29.04. - 30.04.2025	Forum Plasturgie 2025	Canada	Quebec	https://cqfa.quebec/evenement/forum-plasturgie-2025/
06.05. - 09.05.2025	Moulding Expo	Germany	Stuttgart	https://www.messe-stuttgart.de/moulding-expo/en/
07.05. - 08.05.2025	EMPACK	Germany	Dortmund	https://www.empack-messen.de/
13.05. - 15.05.2025	KPA - Kunststoffprodukte Aktuell	Germany	Bad Salzungen	https://www.kpa-messe.de/messeprofil/
13.05. - 15.05.2025	KUTENO	Germany	Bad Salzungen	www.kuteno.de
13.05. - 15.05.2025	CIRPLEX (Circular Plastics Experience Summit)	Austria	Klagenfurt	https://www.kaerntnermessen.at/veranstaltungen/cirplex-circular-plastics-experience-summit-alpen-adria/
15.05. - 17.05.2025	IFAT Eurasia	Turkey	Istanbul	www.ifat-eurasia.com
20.05. - 22.05.2025	PlastecEast (6 Expos together)	USA	New York	https://www.imengineeringeast.com/en/show-brands/plastec.html
20.05. - 23.05.2025	Plastpol	Poland	Kielce	https://www.targikielce.pl/plastpol
20.05. - 22.05.2025	PlastecEast (6 Expos together)	USA	New York	https://www.imengineeringeast.com/en/show-brands/plastec.html
27.05. - 30.05.2025	Greenplast Milano	Italy	Milano	www.greenplast.org
03.06. - 04.06.2025	EMPACK	Germany	Hamburg	https://www.empack-messen.de/
25.06. - 27.06.2025	IFAT Brasil	Brazil	Sao Paulo	https://ifatbrasil.com.br/

List of possible events





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Presentation of the POLREC 2nd Training Open Call

Submissions: 25/11/2024 – 25/02/2025



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2nd Training Open Call



Under this Open Call, SMEs can obtain financial support to carry out a **training course / webinar**, to foster the **implementation of recycling solutions**.

Open Call	25/11/2024 - 25/02/2025
Budget per grant	1,460 € (lump sum)
Total budget Open Call	45,500€ (2 nd Open Call)

In what topic the training has to be focused?

The training has to be about one of this **three different sub-topics**:

- 1. Training on adopting innovative recycling methods:** training course for staff targeting the testing of a recycling process for chemical, biotechnological or mechanical recycling of plastic and rubber waste, which the applicant presently does not recycle or apply currently.
- 2. Training on adopting digital processes:** training course for staff targeting digital processes that will contribute to improved quality control and tracking of the applicant's recycled materials and/or recycling processes.
- 3. Training on specific technical profiles related to polymer recycling:** training course for staff to improve the technical skills on a specific topic regarding recycled polymer regulations and certifications, polymer recycling methods and techniques (quality control or traceability).



2nd Training Open Call



Important information:

- The **format, language and the duration of the trainings are not limited**. The trainings accepted can be **on-line, in person or hybrid**.
- All trainings have to be given by a **training-provider**. The proposed **training-provider** and the **related cost** (without VAT) must be indicated in the application form, the type of service-provider is not limited and different types of organisations like e.g. universities, RTOs, consultancy agencies, academies, can be included. **Only one training service-provider will be accepted per application**.
- Applicants struggling to identify a service-provider are encouraged to check a list suggested training service-providers through [this link](#).
- If you are an organization that offers Training Courses in the field of polymer recycling and you want to appear in this reference list of service providers, please fill the [registration form](#).
- For the awarded projects the period to implement the trainings is **from the date of submission of the application on the platform until the 16th of May 2025**.



2nd Training Open Call



Important information:

- An SME can apply to **one or maximum two of the different sub-topics** (Training on adopting innovative recycling methods, Training on adopting digital processes and Training on specific technical profiles related to polymer recycling) or can **submit maximum two applications on the same sub-topic under the condition that each application concern different staff members.**
- An SME can apply for one sub-grant to have access to a training course for one or more employees.
- The maximum amount per application is **1,460€**. The maximum amount that an SME can receive on the Training Open Calls is **2,920 €** (1,460 € x 2). If an SME was already granted on the 1st Training Open Call with 2,920 € can't access this call.
- **The SMEs applying to this call can apply to other POLREC Open Calls**, provided that the total amount granted under the different applications does not exceed **60,000 €**. The participation of the service-providers is not limited.



2nd Training Open Call



Examples of applications:

- **Case 1: one application**
 - Application 1: Training on polymer recycling technologies for 1 or more employees (Sara and Mike) → max. 1,460 €
- **Case 2: two applications for the same training for different employees**
 - Application 1: Training on polymer recycling technologies for employee A (Sara) → max. 1,460 €
 - Application 2: Training on polymer recycling technologies for employee B (Mike) → max. 1,460 €
- **Case 3: two applications for different training sub-topics for the same employee or different employees**
 - Application 1: Training on innovative polymer recycling technologies for employee A (Sara) → max. 1,460 €
 - Application 2: Training on LCA and Digital Product Passport of polymers for employee A (Sara) → max. 1,460 €



Eligibility Conditions



To be eligible, applicants must satisfy all the following conditions:

1. Be a legal entity.
2. Be a small or medium sized enterprise (SME) in accordance with the SME definition of the European Union. An SME self-assessment tool is available via this link.
3. Apply as an individual organization.
4. Be located in one of the Single Market Programme (SMP) associated countries.
 - EU Member States
 - Other countries which participate in SMP Work Programme/COSME Strand (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/smp/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_smp_en.pdf) Implement or plan to implement the recycling of polymer/elastomer wastes or digital solutions for recycling processes.



Funding Conditions



Successful applications will receive the requested financial contribution (maximum 2,920 €) in the form of a lump sum according to the following conditions:

A payment of 100% of the requested contribution will be provided maximum 1 month after the approval of the final activity report on the training activities. The approval will be made by the POLREC consortium.

The final activity report (a brief Google Form), along with the invoice, proof of payment, and any other documentation to certify the participation on the training, must be submitted within **one month of the training's completion.**





Calendar for evaluation and implementation of activities

Training Open Call Calendar	
Step	Dates
POLREC 2 nd Training Open Call for submissions of proposals	25 November 2024 (12:00 CET) – 25 February 2025 (18:00 CET)
Evaluation and selection of winners	26 February 2025 – 13 March 2025
Notification letters sent out to candidates	14 March 2025
Signature of the Sub-Grant Agreements (SGA)	Maximum 28 March 2025
Implementation of the trainings by the SMEs	Submission date of the application – 16 May 2025
Delivery of the final activity report on the training implemented by the SMEs	1 month upon the reception of the report (starting from the SGA signature)
Payment of the sub-grant to the SMEs	1 month upon the reception of the report (starting from SGA signature)





Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weighting score	Maximum points	Description
1. Network	10%	4 points	The application will obtain 4 points if either one of both conditions below are met: • Applicant is a member of one of the following networks if located in Denmark, France, Germany, Spain or Portugal: Centimfe, DMN, MAV, Polymeris or WFG • Applicant is in an EU or SMP COSME participating country other than the POLREC's partners countries (Denmark, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain)
1. Relevance of the training for POLREC	10%	4 points	The training selected meets the POLREC objectives and benefit the project.
1. Relevance of the training for the SME	40%	4 points	The SME demonstrates that the training will benefit the company and its relevance for its strategic lines. The training selected will help to promote the polymer recycling on the company.
1. Relevance of the training for the SME staff	40%	4 points	The SME demonstrates that the training will improve the skills and knowledge of its employees. The motivations and objectives from the training programme.

To be considered for receiving the sub-grant, the minimum total pass note is of 2 out of the 4 total maximum score.





Submissions

25 November 2024 (12:00 CET) – 25 February 2025 (18:00 CET)

- **Submission link on Cluster Submission Platform:**

https://clustersubmissionplatform.eu/eurocluster_post/polrec-2nd-training-open-call/

(the applicants must create a profile to submit the application).

- **Guide for Applicants:**

https://clustersubmissionplatform.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/POLREC_2OC-Training_GfA.pdf





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Do you have further questions?



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Frequently asked questions

1. How many applications can an SME do?

An SME can make a maximum of 2 applications of the POLREC Training Open Call. They can be either in 2 different sub-topics or in the same sub-topic. In this last case, under the condition that each application concern a different staff member.

2. Is the SME free to choose the training service provider?

The SME can choose the training service provider. The type of service-provider is not limited and different types of organizations like e.g. universities, RTOs, consultancy agencies, academies, can be included. A list of suggested training service-providers can be found through [this link](#).

3. Is there a minimum length for the training? All formats and languages for the training are eligible?

The format, language and the duration of the trainings are not limited. The trainings accepted can be online, in person or hybrid.

4. Can be eligible for funding a training that has already be done?

No. The training period of implementation is from the submission date of the application until 16th May 2025, and not before.





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Thank you very much for your attention

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