

MANTRA PROJECT LAUNCHES ITS COMMUNITY PLATFORM AND OPEN CALLS TO SUPPORT GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF MANUFACTURING SMES

16 June 2025 - The Horizon Europe project **MANTRA**, has launched its **Community Platform**, along with three open calls targeting manufacturing SMEs, tech-savvy SMEs, and external evaluators. These initiatives aim to support the sustainable and digital transformation of European manufacturing SMEs through a tailored process that helps them learn, innovate, and unlock their digital and technological potential within a sustainable business model.

The **MANTRA Community Platform** serves as a central hub for manufacturing SMEs, innovation experts, and support organisations to collaborate, exchange best practices, and access a wide range of services. By joining the Community Platform, stakeholders can access matchmaking activities, co-creation opportunities, mentoring, coaching, and digital tools designed to accelerate the uptake of advanced technologies and social innovation.

Three calls are now open:

Open Call for Manufacturing SMEs: Targeting EU-based SMEs in the machinery, ceramics, metals, plastics, textile, and food sectors, this call offers technical guidance and financial support to help implement green and digital solutions.

Expression of Interest for Tech-Savvy SMEs: Aimed at technology providers with proven experience in digital and sustainable manufacturing solutions, this call seeks to build a pool of expert SMEs that can support the transformation of traditional manufacturers.

Call for External Evaluators: MANTRA is seeking independent experts in manufacturing, sustainability, innovation, and business development to assess proposals submitted by manufacturing SMEs.

All calls are open until **15 September 2025**, and full details, including eligibility criteria and application procedures, are available on the MANTRA project website: <https://mantra-project.eu/community-platform-open-calls/>.

The MANTRA project is building a vibrant European ecosystem to accelerate the green, digital, and social transformation of the manufacturing sector. Whether you are an SME, a technology provider, a research actor, or a stakeholder in the innovation landscape, the MANTRA platform offers opportunities to connect, collaborate, and shape the future of sustainable manufacturing in Europe.