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ICT INNOVATION

FOR MANUFACTURING SMEs

OPEN CALL REGIONAL DIGITAL
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HUBS

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Open call for regional hubs

- Objective: Spreading Excellence in Phase 2 of I4MS
- Digital innovation hubs in new regions
- Open call for proposals

Phase 2 I4MS: Spreading Excellence



- Ambition: spread I4MS initiative to include a much wider range of EU regions that have so far not participated.
- How? By building a network of around 30 new regional digital innovation hubs in new regions
- Hubs will be built around a competence center and will involve SMEs as direct beneficiaries, as well as other stakeholders
- I4MS will provide mentoring and coaching services to the new hubs to get them up to speed

Open Call for new regional innovation hubs I4MS

- Call for proposals launched by I4MS in November in two stages:
 - Selection of up to 3 pioneer hubs (closing 17 December)
 - Full call (up to 25 hubs) will open in January 2016
- The call targets new initiatives not yet involved in ongoing I4MS activities and in new regions
- Main task: prepare feasibility study for future hub
- Selected regional hubs projects will benefit from financial support and technical advice – including on strategies to attract additional sources of funding to scale up innovation activities

- Call details are available at the I4MS Portal:
http://i4ms.eu/regional_hubs.php
- Or:
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