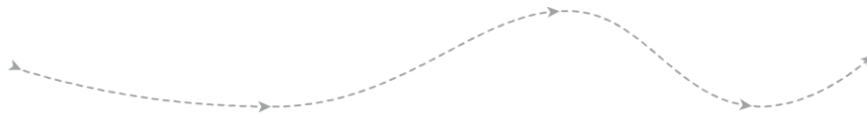




Call for Expression of Interest

**COMPASS RI Consultancy and Mentoring Scheme
for high-tech SMEs**



[COMPASS](#) is launching a Call for Expression of Interest to offer 12 European start-ups and SMEs in the Biomedicine, Nanotechnology and Cyber Security sectors the opportunity to join the “Consultancy and Mentoring Scheme”. This initiative aims at:

- ✓ Promoting Responsible Innovation among high-tech companies and motivating them to improve their business innovation strategy accordingly;
- ✓ Supporting European SMEs over a period of 6 months to discover where their specific company stands in terms of Responsible Innovation, and what they can implement to manage their research, development and innovation activities in a responsible and inclusive manner;
- ✓ Providing companies with networking and capacity building opportunities.

[COMPASS call for Expression of Interest is open from April 30th until August 31st 2018.](#)

A first cut-off date is set for May 14th 2018: early bird applicants will get the opportunity to attend the EBN Congress 2018 as part of the COMPASS Consultancy and Mentoring Scheme.

SUPPORT OFFERED BY COMPASS TO SELECTED CANDIDATES

COMPASS will provide selected candidates with:

1. Consultancy services to assess companies in terms of Responsible Innovation and customise COMPASS sectorial roadmaps to the business and innovation strategy of each company;
2. Mentoring services to define an Action Plan aimed at supporting each company to take concrete steps towards the implementation of Responsible Innovation into business and innovation practices
3. Networking and capacity building opportunities¹
4. Visibility through COMPASS and COMPASS' partners communication channels

For the companies selected for the 1st cut-off date (14 May 2018), **COMPASS offers free tickets and 400€ travel grants to attend [the 27th EBN Congress 2018, Future of Innovation](#)**, that will take place in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, between the 6th and 8th of June 2018.

In this framework companies will benefit from the COMPASS package at EBN Congress 2018:

- COMPASS training workshop on how strategic design thinking methods and tools can support European high-tech companies implement a responsible approach in their R&I processes.
- 1:1 sessions to introduce the Self-Check-Tool and provide a first introduction to the overall COMPASS RI Consultancy and Mentoring Scheme.

EXPECTED RESULTS and OUTCOMES

Selected beneficiaries need to:

- ✓ Commit to be involved in a 6 month mentoring and consultancy programme (monthly e-meetings is the minimum commitment required)
- ✓ Define a RI Action Plan
- ✓ Take part into COMPASS networking and capacity building opportunities*

¹ EBN Congress 2018 is one of these opportunities.

- ✓ Complete a follow-up report on COMPASS Consultancy and Mentoring programme and the COMPASS tools.

*Companies selected for the 1st cut-off date (14 May 2018) need to participate in the COMPASS Training (7 June 2018) and attend a 1:1 meeting with the COMPASS team at EBN Congress 2018. For these companies, COMPASS makes available free entrance tickets and travel vouchers to attend EBN Congress 2018 (total value 1000€)².

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested SMEs need to fill in their Expression of Interest [online](#) by August 31st 2018, 11.59 pm CET provided that there will be still some “places” after the first cut-off date on May 14th 2018, 11.59 pm CET.

[Apply here](#)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Only the following applications will be eligible:

- Complete applications
- Submitted in English
- Submitted by European startups or SMEs
- Targeting one of the following sectors: biomedicine, nanotechnology, cyber security
- Responding clearly to the objectives of the call
- Received in time, before the deadline

SELECTION PROCESS

On the basis that all the above conditions above are met, COMPASS will select up to 12 companies based on the following selection criteria:

- Interest in Responsible Innovation
- Sectorial relevance
- Innovation focus
- Commitment and capacity to engage with COMPASS programme

CALENDAR

STEPS	DEADLINE
Launch of the call	30 April 2018
First cut-off date	14 May 2018
Announcement of selection results on COMPASS website	17 May 2018
Latest deadline for submission of applications	31 August 2018
Announcement of selection results on COMPASS website	7 September 2018

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² Specifications about the costs that can be covered with travel vouchers:

- Air travel: Economy class fares on the basis of the shortest and most economical fare available
- Local travel: Airport – Hotel ; Hotel - meeting venue
- Accommodation : Up to 2 hotel nights