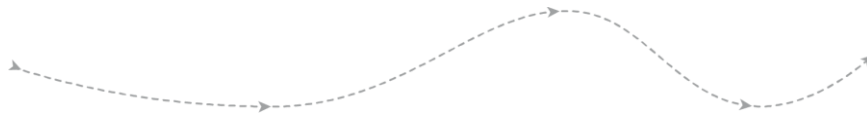




Call for Expression of Interest

**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 until September 21st 2018.

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 opportunities
4. Visibility through COMPASS and COMPASS’ partners communication channels

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

HOW TO APPLY?

Interested SMEs need to fill in their Expression of Interest [online](#) by **September 21st 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
Latest deadline for submission of applications	21 September 2018 (extended deadline from 31 August 2018)
Announcement of selection results on COMPASS website	1 October 2018

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