The SAE Showroom: Success Stories of European SMEs



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Evolution of the SAE Initiative

All Innovation Actions aligned to SAE offer funding to support start-ups, SMEs and midcaps in their digital transformation



H2020

Creating a well-functioning ecosystem

PHASE 1

- Gateone, Smarter-SI
- EuroCPS, CPSELabs

H2020

Growing the ecosystem to its European dimension

PHASE 2

- SmartFFs
- diatomic
- FED4SAE
- TETRAMAX
- Smart4Europe1

H2020

Widening the pan-European network of DIHs

PHASE 3

- BOWI
- SMART4ALL
- DIGIFED
- HUBCAP
- DIH4CPS
- SmartEEs2
- Smart4Europe2

2015

2016

2017

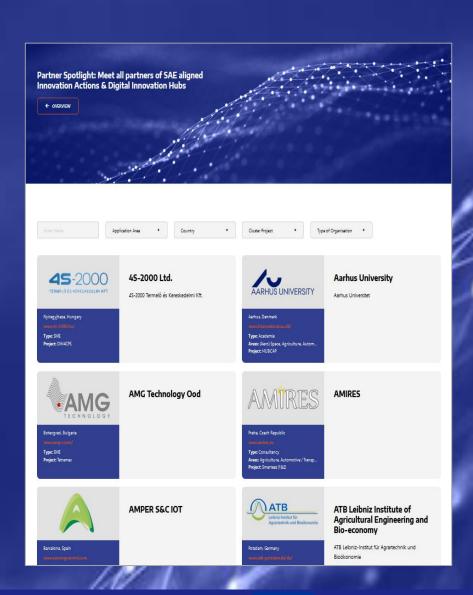
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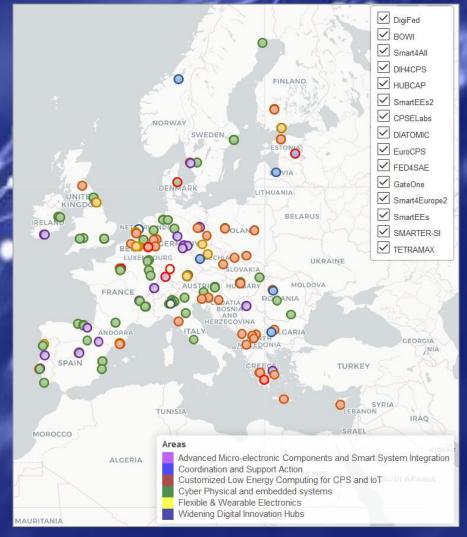
2019

2020



SAE Network of 150+ partners







Funding Scheme "FSTP: Financial Support to Third Parties"



Funding scheme

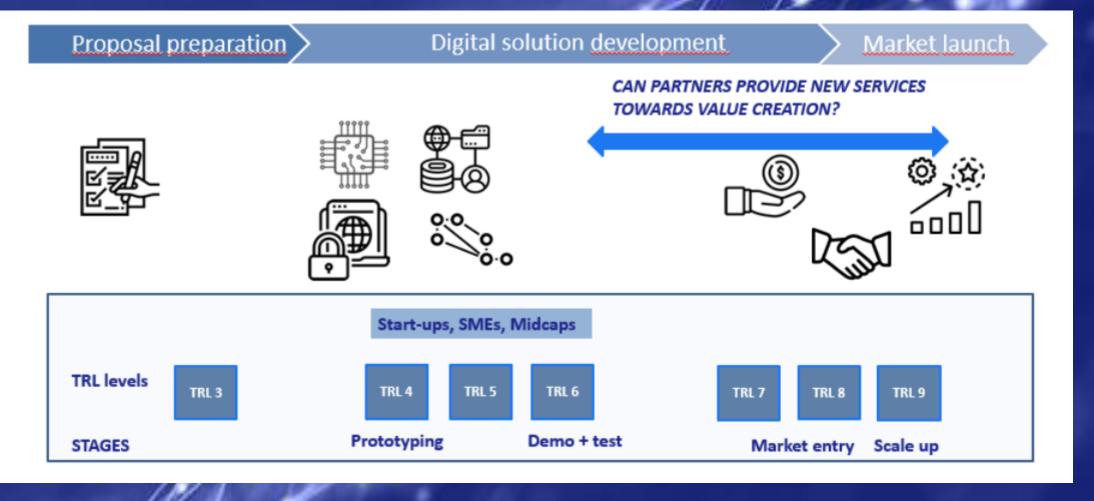
- aims at simplifying the administrative procedures
- creating a light, SME-friendly application scheme
- used by all Innovation Actions aligned to the SAE initiative.

Advantages for SMEs:

- Innovation Actions pass funds directly to the SMEs
- No complex contract between SMEs an the European Commission but
- Lean contract with a representative of the Innovation Action



The Application Experiment journey And beyond



Success story a technical achievement, but not only.

Granted Application experiment

- ✓ Collected through open calls run by the IAs (more than 50 calls launched by SAE)
- ✓ Evaluated & selected through EC based process:
 - Excellence, Impact, Implementation (quality)
 - Business/Innovation strategy

✓ Outcomes:

- Proof-of-Concept / Advanced prototype
- Strengthened & de-risked business roadmap/go-tomarket strategy (private/public financing, customer networking, etc.)

✓ Innovation quantification

- KTH Innovation readiness levelTM (https://kthinnovationreadinesslevel.com/)
- CUSTOMER/TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS/IPR/TEAM/FUNDING readiness level



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Success story

- ✓ Granted application experiment
- ✓ Technically successfully achieved
- ✓ Go-to-market ready: identified business strategy, strengthened roadmap & team, targeted market, etc.
- ✓ SAE portfolio: https://smartanythingeverywhere.eu/success-stories/

Success Story "Clutsen"

Wireless Sensor System communication kit for condition monitoring (Smarter-SI)

Problem:

- Clutch-brakes transfer motion from industrial motor flywheels
- Exchange due to abrasion is required from time to time
- If wear checks are unplanned, the exchange is done too early without need or too late creating significant downtime costs.





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Solution:

- Smart sensor system that reliably predicts the next maintenance point of time.
- Break pads are monitored by distance transducer and temperature sensor.
- Low energy electronics enable data processing and wireless transmission
- System is powered by a kinetic energy harvester.



Partners:

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