



Are you interested in applying for an innovation voucher for wood value chain product development?

In January 2018, the European Commission selected the East and North Finland (ENF) regions as the “Regions in Industrial Transition” pilot. With the pilot, the European Commission is looking for new ways of developing the economy of European regions. The first phase of the collaboration in the ENF regions resulted in the [East and North Finland in Industrial Transition – Smart Specialisation strategy 2019-2023](#). The second phase of the collaboration started in August 2019 and includes this High Impact Action call.

Topic

HIA is seeking applications stimulating digitisation and circular economy in the tree, wood and timber value chain. The support of the HIA will be in the form of a voucher targeted towards collaborative projects of one or more direct beneficiaries who aim to co-develop together with a service provider a workable solution for an end-user, intending to increase the technological and market maturity of their solution beyond TRL 6. HIA applications should be involving actors from different ENF regions.

Target group

The consortium is composed of at least three legal entities based in at least two different ENF regions. One of the participating entities shall act as a Lead Partner. The direct beneficiary must have its home location in an ENF region. The service provider must have its home location or an office located in an ENF region. At least one of these entities is a direct beneficiary.

Implementation

6-7 vouchers worth between 40,000 and 45,000 € will be distributed in the High Impact Action, which represents 80% of the total budget. *The Innovation Voucher* is awarded to consortia of SMEs and public research organisations, which must have partners from at least two regions in the ENF area. The ENF area includes Kainuu, Central Ostrobothnia, Lapland, South Savo, North Karelia, Oulu Region and Pohjois-Savo

Timeline

From 4/9/2019 – 2/10/2019. The call is open for 4 weeks and the pilot decisions are made within 6 weeks of closing the call. For more information on the call, see ELMO website at www.elmoenf.eu/hia. For questions, please contact elmo@lapinliitto.fi (only in English).