



## **Call Application for new shemakes Labs** ***Guide for Applicants***

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## **Description of call and process**



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# About shemakes.eu

Shemakes.eu is a two-year research and innovation project, financed by European Union Horizon H2020 programme, under grant agreement 101006023.

The Shemakes consortium is a European partnership of 10 entities from 7 countries.

- 6 labs: FabLab Leon, Iaac, makesense, Onl'fait, REDU and Waag
- 3 institutes / companies: Flod, Matrix, Tavistock
- 1 coordinator: Cedecs-TCBL

They are part of a larger Shemakes community that builds on synergies between two existing networks bringing innovation to the Textile and Clothing sector: Fabricademy, innovating through technology and making, and TCBL (Textile and Clothing Business Labs), co-designing innovation in research labs and testing it with local communities and businesses

Discover more on the shemakes project on the shemakes website ([www.shemakes.eu](http://www.shemakes.eu))

6 Labs



Iaac

Spain



Spain

make sense

France



Switzerland



Romania



waag  
technology & society

Netherlands

3 institutes / companies



Italy



Germany



UK/Germany

1 coordinator, France





# Call for new shemakes labs: objectives

Within the EU, the gender pay gap stands at 16% and 30% of this gap is due to the overrepresentation of women in low paying sectors, which is absolutely true of the Fashion and textile sector.

In Shemakes, women develop their tech skills and/or learn how to conduct innovative research, engage with their local community and build a new business: all routes to making a better textile and clothing sector in the future..

Through this Call, the Shemakes consortium is looking to fund 12 new shemakes Labs to cooperate with us...

- In order to develop tech-based-innovation activities and engage for change with research & education institutes, local communities and businesses.
- Focusing on three target groups: girls and teens (8-18), young women (18-25) and women 25+



# The shemakes call at a glance

This call is about **enlarging the shemakes network to 12 Labs in at least 11 countries**, including European Member States and Associated Countries\*.

Each selected candidate(s) will **receive direct funding of 15.000€** for their cooperation with 1 of the 6 mentoring labs: FabLab Leon, laac, makesense, Onl'fait, REDU and Waag.

This cooperation will happen between January and June 2022.

Each selected candidate will conduct innovation activities on one or several of the below-mentioned targets.

- Innovation activities, which can be tech-based and/or can support engagement (in community, business or research)
- Targets: Girls and teens 8-18, Young women 18-25, Women 25+

\* [Associated countries](#)

**Number of subcontractors who will be funded**  
12 subcontractors

**Funding per subcontractor**  
15.000€

**Duration of subcontract**  
January – June 2022

## **6 mentoring Labs**

FabLab Leon  
laac  
makesense  
Onl'fait  
REDU  
Waag



# Your benefits as a shemakes Lab

The Shemakes community allows mainstream women to have full impact on the future of the textile and clothing sector. Here are some of the benefits:

## During the project

- Receive funds that will cover the purchase of materials, tools and small equipment to conduct relevant activities at your lab
- Learn from and connect with shemakes "gurus" from the six partner labs
- Collaborate with one of shemakes ambassadors who will travel to your lab and help develop activities for your community
- Co-design innovation by and for women in the Textile and Clothing sector
- Test innovation in real environments, with non-profit associations and like-minded businesses

## From the network

- Get access to the knowledge generated by the community
- Use shemakes platform services
- Showcase your collaborative work on the shemakes platform
- Gain access to the combined networks of Fabricademy and TCBL and participate in their events
- Develop synergies with other members in the network for future funds and collaborations.



# Key dates and timeline







# Focus on application process

## **November 1st 2021**

Apply online only through the appropriate form ([LINK](#))  
You can preview the application form questions in the following [PDF](#)  
Check Eligibility and Exclusion criteria in Technical specifications (part 2 of this guide)

## **November 8-15, 2021**

One info day on Zoom (date to be announced, please check website) will be held where you can ask all questions you may have and expert support will be provided for application writing and submission related matters. Shemakes call updates will be published on the website and project social media.

## **November 30- December 14, 2021**

You will be evaluated by 1 sponsoring partner that you may choose from among the 6 initial Labs (who will mentor and help for all questions you may have) and two partners selected randomly. Then all the evaluations will be collectively reviewed by all Consortium partners in one or more online meetings. Evaluation results will be scored a maximum of 20 points. The minimum of 12/20 is required to pass. Following the evaluation of individual applications, the selection criteria will be applied to the set that are above threshold. This is necessary to ensure that we reach our contractual obligation to represent at least 16 EU Member States and/or Associate Countries.  
Please see Evaluation Process and Evaluation Criteria in Technical specifications (part 2 of this guide)

## **December 20, 2021 – January 31st, 2022**

Finalization of the subcontract between new lab and mentor lab  
Check Legal requirements, Costs and Reporting issues in Technical specifications (part 2 of this guide)



## Technical specifications



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## What is a lab?

A lab is a space where people research the future of the textile and clothing industry from different points of view, which can be technical or social. Lab types admitted to the project are:

- Fab lab
- Textile lab
- Research institute
- University (Higher education center)
- Cultural and artistic center
- Association
- Co-working
- Incubator / accelerator



# Eligibility criteria

## **Labs that are eligible and can participate to the call:**

- Have interest in/working in the fashion and textile sector
- Have at least one year of experience in one of the following fashion and textile applications : Electronics & Wearables, Bio-textiles, Recycling and circularity, Entrepreneurship & Management, Manufacturing, Design
- Have facilities and skills to conduct workshops on fashion and textile and/or have machines to produce fashion and textile artefacts
- Have at least one member of staff who can supervise the cooperation activities (with the help of the mentoring lab during the subcontracting time)
- Be located in one of the eligible countries (see next page)



# List of eligible countries

Labs must be located in one of these countries:

See the list of eligible countries for the H2020 programme  
([LINK](#))



# Submission procedure and validity of application

The application package to be submitted must include the following:

- Application form: <https://form.typeform.com/to/z36vvflr>
- Declaration of Honour & Financial declaration form ([link](#)) uploaded through the form

## Validity of application

To be considered admissible, an application must:

- be submitted in the electronic submission system (above form) before the deadline stated in the Call
- be written in English language only
- be complete in all its parts
- include the Declaration of honour & Financial declaration form

Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to the rejection of the application.



# Evaluation process

## The process to evaluate the lab applications will be as follows:

- Each application will be peer-evaluated by 3 representatives of the shemakes partners
  - 1 chosen by the new lab in its application among the possible future mentors (FabLab Leon, laac, makesense, Onl'fait, REDU and Waag)
  - 2 allocated by the consortium at random
- Each of the three evaluators will receive a copy of the application and will score the application on 20 points
  - 4 areas (infrastructure, know-how, engagement and vision\*) will be evaluated on 5 points each
  - A minimum of 12 / 20 will be necessary to pass
- The evaluation scores by each team will be reviewed by the full project partnership where the selection criteria are applied and the final decision is taken. This decision is then formally ratified by the consortium Steering Committee to decide on the winners who will be invited to draw up a subcontract with a shemakes.eu partner
- Reserve list:
  - Labs that score between 8 and 12/20 will have the possibility to apply to become part of the [TCBL network](#) if they wish and participate in future calls of the shemakes and related networks
  - They may also be called if one of the chosen subcontractors fails to conduct their activities.



# Evaluation criteria

**4 areas will be allocated 5 points each, with a sum of 20 points**

- Infrastructure for hosting activities
  - To conduct tech-based activities
  - To promote engagement for change through work with communities, businesses or other researchers
- Know-how and skills for running activities
  - In conducting activities
  - In transferring knowledge and values
- Your future engagement for shemakes
  - Interest in proposed plans
  - Ability to do them and give feedback
- Your vision about gender, sustainability and future scenario for T&C
  - Change and impact

**A minimum of 12 / 20 is required to pass.**





# Exclusion criteria

The following candidates will be excluded from participation if they:

- Are in bankruptcy, in liquidation, in legal proceedings, cessation of activity or other similar situations according to their national law and regulation.
- Have been sentenced for corruption, fraud, or participated in a criminal organisation or any other illicit activities.
- Are under administrative sanctions.
- Have made false statements or concealed information for this call.
- Show significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligations under an EU procurement contract, grant agreement or grant decision.
- Are guilty of irregularities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of Regulation No 2988/95

The candidate(s) must certify to not fall in any of the above categories through the “Declaration of Honour / financial declaration”.



# Legal commitments

In the event of a successful application, a subcontract agreement drawn up in euro and detailing the conditions will be sent to the applicant, as well as the information on the procedure to formalise the agreement of the parties. The subcontract will specify a general work plan of the specific activities to be carried out (one of the Learning Paths and one of the Innovation Services, where possible following the preferences expressed in the application form), the number and type of participants to be engaged, and a calendar of events.

Please note that the award of a subcontract does not establish automatically an entitlement to the full amount for the completion of the activities of the subcontractor, as justification of expenditure is required and reporting obligations must be met to receive the final payment of the grant\*.

NB: The evaluators may draw a reserve list of applicants that have passed the above thresholds. In the event that selected subcontractor(s) fail to conclude the subcontract agreement, an applicant may be dug up from the reserve list, following their order on the ranking list in accordance with the scores obtained.

\*See the payment obligation chapter.



# Reporting requirements

## **Subcontractors will be requested to submit the following reports**

- Documentation of their activities as reported in their contract with their mentor labs
- 1 technical report of the activities conducted, linked to the request for the payment of the balance, covering the entire part of the subcontract implementation



# Payment obligations

Selected subcontractors will be requested to provide the documents listed below in order to receive the payment.

## Initial Payment (50%)

- Timing: +30 days from the subcontract signatures, maximum February 2022
- Documentation and procedures
  - Signed Agreement by the subcontractor and mentor lab.

## Final Payment (50%)

- Timing: +90 days from the subcontract end, maximum September 2022
- Documentation and procedures:
  - Implementation reports: technical report, documentation of activities, payment request



# IPR & Communication

## IPR

The ownership of all IPR created by the subcontract activities, via the shemakes.eu project, will be declared CC BY SA and therefore open to distribution, following the general principles for the results and outputs of the shemakes project.

## Communication

Any communication or publication of the awarded subcontractor(s) shall clearly indicate that the subcontract has received the financing from the European Union and the shemakes.eu project, therefore displaying the EU and shemakes.eu logo and also the wording on all printed and digital material, including websites and press releases. Moreover, subcontract(s) will agree that certain information regarding the subcontract activities, can be used by the shemakes.eu project Consortium for communication purposes. Additionally, subcontractor(s) commit to actively contribute to the communication and dissemination strategy of the shemakes.eu project.

# shemakes

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