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The European 3DP Accelerator



Future Internet Business Acceleration Programme for 3D Printing Services in Europe

Frequently Asked Questions

FABulous Open Call 2

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INTRODUCTION

The present document provides a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) related to FABulous Open Call 2. The list of questions is preliminary and the document will be continuously updated in the course of the process. More information on FABulous Open Call 2 can be found in the Guide for Applicants as well as FABulous respective webpage (<http://fabulous-fi.eu/open-calls/>).

QUESTIONS RELATED TO FI-PPP

Question 1. What is FI-PPP?

The Future Internet Public-Private Partnership Programme (FI-PPP) is an industry-led and user-driven innovation programme with a focus on Europe. The FI-PPP programme is performed in three phases from 2011 to 2016, each of which has specific goals and objectives:

- **Phase I:** establishing the technology foundation, defining "use case scenarios" in different industry sectors, making an inventory of available (public) infrastructures via capacity building, and programme support;
- **Phase II:** developing use case pilots and platforms and setting up infrastructures;
- **Phase III:** expansion of the use cases by developing applications and services and expansion of the technology foundation.

Question 2. What is FIWARE?

FIWARE aims to build an open Core Platform of the Future Internet. FIWARE offers an open, public and royalty-free architecture and a set of open specifications that will allow developers, service providers, enterprises and other organisations to develop products that satisfy their needs while still being open and innovative. FIWARE is an open alternative to existing proprietary Internet platforms. It enables an easy development and deployment of advanced Internet applications. Detailed information available at: <http://www.fiware.org/>

Question 3. What is FIWARE Lab?

FIWARE Lab is a working instance of FIWARE, enabling developers to setup the basic virtual infrastructure needed to run applications that make use of the APIs provided by FIWARE Generic Enablers. Detailed information available at: <https://account.lab.fi-ware.org/>

Question 4. What is a Generic Enabler?

A Generic Enabler (GE) is a component which provides open standard APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) that make it easier to connect to Internet of Things (IoT) devices, process data and media in real-time at large scale, perform Big Data analysis or incorporate advanced features to interact with the user. A full list of FIWARE GEs is available at: <http://catalogue.fiware.org/>

Question 5. What is a Specific Enabler?

A Specific Enabler (SE) is a component similar to a GE which offers functions relevant to specific domains, for example manufacturing, logistics etc. Each Use Case project offers a list of its own SEs.

Question 6. What is FIWARE Accelerate?

FIWARE Accelerate is a Future Internet Accelerator Program comprising 16 Future Internet Accelerators (of which FABulous is part) in different areas of application. In total the programme has a budget of 80 million euros for direct funding, mentoring and networking to create innovative Internet-based applications and services building on FIWARE technologies. Detailed information available at: <http://www.fiware.org/fiware-accelerator-programme/>

Question 7. Which are the FI-PPP Use Case projects?

The FI-PPP is covering a wide scope of usage areas through a set of use case projects that make use of the FI-PPP core platform in setting up trials of advanced Future-Internet-based services and applications. FI-PPP Phase 1 included 8 use case projects, and the ongoing Phase 2 includes 5 use case trials. Table 1 below illustrates all Phase 1 and 2 Use Case projects.

Table 1: FI-PPP - Use Case Projects

Domain	Project	Phase 1	Phase 2	Link
Transport, Logistics and Agri-food	FINEST	✓		http://www.finest-ppp.eu/
	SmartAgriFood	✓		http://www.smartagrifood.eu/
	FIspace		✓	http://www.fispace.eu/
Personal Mobility	Instant Mobility	✓		http://instant-mobility.com/
Social connected TV, Mobile City	FI-CONTENT	✓		http://mediafi.org/
	FI-CONTENT 2		✓	http://mediafi.org/

Services, and Video Games				
Smart Cities and Public Security	SafeCity	✓		http://www.safecity-project.eu/
	OUTSMART	✓		http://www.fi-ppp-outsmart.eu/en-uk/Pages/default.aspx
Smart Energy	FINSENY	✓		http://www.fi-ppp.eu/projects/finseny/
	FINESCE		✓	http://www.finesce.eu/
Environment	ENVIROFI	✓		http://www.envirofi.eu/
Manufacturing	FITMAN		✓	http://www.fitman-fi.eu/
E-health	FI-STAR		✓	https://www.fi-star.eu/fi-star.html

Question 8. Who should I contact if I need further information on FIWARE technologies?

In case you have queries on specific FIWARE technology you may contact FIWARE at <http://www.fiware.org/contact-us/>. In case you are interested in specific information of the Use Cases projects, you may contact them directly by using the contact details provided in their individual websites.

Question 9. Are FIWARE technologies a must to use in the proposal?

Applicants applying for FABulous Accelerator, and in general any other FIWARE Accelerator, must build on FIWARE technologies and demonstrate this in their proposal. Proposals not making use of the FIWARE technologies will be disregarded from evaluation. However, the use of FIWARE is not exclusive - applicants are free to use any other existing platforms and technologies.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT FABULOUS

Question 10. What is FABulous?

FABulous is a FIWARE accelerator project that promotes the use and adoption of FIWARE technology. FABulous aims at creating and supporting a FI-service ecosystem for 3D printing technologies that bridges the gap between ICT, Creative and Manufacturing Industries. FABulous started in September 2014 and it has a total duration of 24 months.

Question 11. How many calls will be launched under FABulous?

FABulous will launch 2 calls in total: the first one in November 2014 and the second one in April 2015.

GENERAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO FABULOUS OPEN CALL 2

Question 12. Which are the main topics of FABulous Open Call 2?

Applicants participating in FABulous Open Call 2 will have to address one of the following challenges in their proposals:

- Challenge 1: Crowd-sourced and Cloud-based Design & Services for 3D Printing;
- Challenge 2: Mobile Apps and Services for 3D Printing;
- Challenge 3: Manufacturing & Logistics Tools and Services;
- Challenge 4: Advance Content Management Related to 3D Printing;

For a detailed description of the challenges please see Guide for Applicants.

Question 13. What if my project idea on 3D printing doesn't fit with any of the challenges?

In case you have a project idea on 3D printing that doesn't fit or will not address any of the challenges as described in the Guide for Applicants, you can still apply by choosing a challenge which is the closest possible to your project idea. Your proposal will not be excluded in case of not absolute matching with any of challenges under FABulous Open Call 2. All proposals will be evaluated in equal terms.

Question 14. What are the Service Maturity levels (SML)?

Service Maturity Level (SML) is the concept that FABulous will apply in the implementation and funding of the projects. In SML 1 participants will have to demonstrate an innovative service concept; in SML 2, participants will carry out trials and outline a sound business model.

Question 15. What kinds of activities are eligible for funding under Open Call 2?

The following types of activities are eligible under FABulous Open Call 2 and per SML (for further information please see Guide for Applicants):

Table 2: Activities to be funded per SML

Activities	SML 1	SML 2
Personnel Costs	✓	✓
Travel expenses	✓	✓
Software licenses	✓	✓
Equipment Costs	✓	✓
Partnering costs to collaborate with Experimental Industrial Manufacturing partners		✓
Total funding per project	18.000 €	60.000 €

Question 16. Who is eligible to participate?

FABulous specifically targets at SMEs and web entrepreneurs legally established in an FP7 country (for a full list of the FP7 countries please refer to the Guide for Applicants). Only proposals submitted by one beneficiary (single legal entity) are eligible. The same proposal cannot receive funds from any other FIWARE Accelerator.

Table 3: Examples of eligible organisations

Criterion	Eligible
Type of legal entity: SME (*)	Yes
Type of legal entity: Web entrepreneur	Yes
SME / web entrepreneur legally established entity in an FP7 country	Yes

(*) SMEs correspond to EU's definition of SMEs

Please note that FABulous equally targets newly established web entrepreneurs / startups and already established SMEs wishing to introduce new business lines within their organisation.

Question 17. If I apply for FABulous Open Call 2 can I submit the same proposal in any other FIWARE Accelerate project?

Yes. Submitting a proposal under FABulous Open Call 2 does not exclude your participation with the same proposal in any other of the FIWARE Accelerate projects (max 3). However, please note that the same proposal will receive funding once under FIWARE Accelerate programme.

Question 18. Who should I contact if I need further information about FABulous Open Call 2?

In case you need further information not provided in the present document or the Guide for Applicants, you may address your questions to FABulous Help desk via this link: <https://fabulous.ems-carsa.com/user/helpdesk>. FABulous Help desk will answer to all questions related to Open Call 2 as well as any IT related issues when dealing with FABulous EMS platforms. Should you wish to receive any specific information on platforms and SEs of Use Case projects, you are advised to directly contact the projects by using the contact information provided in their websites.

Question 19. Can I submit multiple proposals under FABulous Open Call 2?

Yes, you can submit as many proposals as you want. However, please note that only one proposal will be funded per single legal entity.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Question 20. Is there any template for preparing the proposal?

Annex I of the Guide for Applicants provides a template for preparing your technical proposal. A Word version of the template is obtainable once you register as a proposer in FABulous EMS platform and start creating your proposal. You may only use this template for preparing your proposal. Proposals submitted in any other template will not be considered in the evaluation. You are advised to read very carefully the instructions on the template before starting preparing your proposal.

Question 21. Can I submit a proposal in any other language than English?

English is the only language that proposals should be submitted. Proposals submitted in any other language than English will not be considered in the evaluation.

Question 22. Do I have to present a budget breakdown in my proposal?

Applicants do not have to present any budget breakdown in the proposals. The funding will be given once at the end of each SML.

Question 23. Is VAT number necessary in the submission of my proposal?

VAT number or any other reference number that can prove that you are registered or have initiated the process for registering in your respective national/regional/local authority (e.g. chamber of commerce) is necessary for applying in FABulous Open Call 2.

Question 24. What is FABulous EMS platform?

The FABulous Evaluation Management System (EMS) is the platform used by FABulous for managing all the processes related to the Open Calls. All proposals must be submitted through FABulous EMS platform (accessible at: <https://fabulous.ems-carsa.com/user/registration>). Proposals reaching FABulous consortium in any other way will not be considered for evaluation.

Experts wishing to participate in FABulous as evaluators must register via FABulous EMS platform (https://fabulous.ems-carsa.com/user/new_expert).

Question 25. When is the deadline for FABulous Open Call 2?

The deadline for FABulous Open Call 2 is on **June 18, 2015 at 17.00** Central European Time.

Question 26. How will I know that my proposal has been received?

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent out via email to all the successfully submitted proposals as soon as possible after the closing date and time of the call. Please note that this receipt will not be a proof that your proposal is eligible for evaluation.

Question 27. How much is the expected duration of the projects?

FABulous will apply the Service Maturity Level (SML) concept in the implementation of the projects, thus their duration will depend on which maturity level they will manage to reach. The table below presents the duration of each maturity level.

Table 4: Project duration per SML

Maturity Level	Months	Duration
1	September-December 2015	4 months
2	January-August 2016	8 months

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Question 28. Which are the criteria for selecting a proposal?

The selection criteria are the following:

- 1) Soundness of service concept and innovation capacity;
- 2) Use of FIWARE technology (GEs, SEs and domain specific platforms);
- 3) Impact and market readiness;
- 4) Quality of project team.

Each criterion will be scored out of 5. The following table illustrates the thresholds for each criterion and priority to be applied in case of equal scoring.

Table 5: Priority in case of equal scoring and thresholds

Criterion	Priority if ex-aequo	Threshold
Soundness of service concept and innovation capacity	3	3
Use of FIWARE technology	1	4
Impact	2	4
Quality of team	4	3

Question 29. Who will evaluate the proposals?

The eligibility checking will be carried out by FABulous consortium. The evaluation will be carried out by independent - to the proposals to be submitted and the consortium - experts. Each expert will sign a declaration of confidentiality concerning the evaluation process and the content of the proposals they evaluate. They will also declare their absence of any conflict of interest for the assigned tasks.

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