



PhotonHub
 A pan-European photonics innovation hub

Photon Hub is a pan- European photonics digital innovation hub to help SMEs and mid-caps become highly competitive digital businesses through faster and smarter deployment of photonics-based technologies.

Funding support available

A fund of €7.4million is available to eligible SMEs, enabling companies to access support from PhotonHub delivery partners. The amount of funding is based on a range of criteria including TRL level and company size.

As an example, for SMEs with a prototyping project (TRL 3-4) 100% of the first €30k is available.

Technology Readiness Level	PhotonHub support available	Max. support value	No. of projects permissible
Prototyping (TRL3-4)	<p>For SMEs: 100% of the first 30k€, thereafter (incl. follow-on project) 75% subsidy with the company contributing 25% in cash</p> <p>For LSCs: 50% subsidy on all costs</p>	100k€ per innovation project	Max. of 1 follow-on project per company at the prototyping level
Upscaling (TRL5-6)	<p>For SMEs: 50% for first users & early adopters at this level, with the company contributing 50% in cash, 0% subsidy if the company is not a first user or early adopter</p> <p>For LSCs: 0% subsidy on all costs</p>	250k€ per innovation project, of which cascade funding can be provided up to a maximum of 150k€	Max. of 1 follow-on project per company at the upscaling level
Manufacturing (TRL7-8)	100% for all companies	2k€ per project (as brokerage support only)	1 subsidised engagement only

Find out about eligibility for SME funding support available from the project using the table above.

Key points of the criteria

- The European identity of the applicant as a registered company with substantial product development operations in Europe and seeking photonics innovation support.
- There must be a substantial cross- border element to the Innovation Project (at least one of the participating parties in the Innovation Project should be from another European member state or associated countries).
- The support request does not involve “double funding” of the same innovation activity.

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