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OPEN CALL
GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS

O-CEI: Open Cloud-Edge-IoT Platform Uptake in Large Scale Cross-Domain Pilots

2nd Open Call for Uptake projects

Submission of applications starts on	**November 12th 2026**, at **13:00** Brussels Time
Submission deadline:	**January 14th 2027**, at **17:00** Brussels Time

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The growing demand for data and computing power, driven by decentralized infrastructures like Cloud-Edge-IoT (CEI) networks, is significantly increasing energy consumption, costs, and carbon emissions. The fragmented nature of cloud ecosystems, especially when extended to the edge, with a variety of connected devices like e-vehicles and smart devices, makes it difficult to manage resources efficiently. As CEI architectures evolve, there is a clear need to enable seamless collaboration between these independent entities, allowing them to share data and insights effectively.

As a Horizon Europe Innovation Action program, O-CEI aims to create an open CEI platform with a strong focus on interoperability, security, and reliability, making it easier for different sectors to collaborate and share data in real-time. This will enable faster, more accurate predictions in **energy flexibility**, helping industries to become more adaptable to energy demands. By developing breakthrough technologies and deploying large-scale pilots, O-CEI will support Europe's transition to a more sustainable and resilient digital infrastructure, paving the way for cleaner energy and more efficient use of resources.

O-CEI's overarching goal is to pilot the imperative of accelerating the uptake and upscaling of innovative Cloud-Edge-IoT solutions, strengthening Europe's competitiveness and open strategic autonomy by orchestrating cross-domain data sharing, minimising energy footprint, stimulating multi-sided marketplaces, and promoting open standards for virtualisation and interoperability. For doing so, O-CEI will feed with such innovative technologies, and a comprehensive framework, to eight multidimensional real-world pilots framed in key strategic sectors:

- electricity grid,
- electromobility,
- software-defined vehicles,
- agrifood and agriculture,
- logistics
- and urban environments.

It will swiftly create and implement innovative solutions across the cloud continuum; and effectively address the needs of existing and emerging individual and cross-sector business value chains. By designing blueprints and providing utilities beyond the State-of-the-Art, O-CEI will help project stakeholders (and up to 32 Open Call Upscaling and Uptake awardees) to achieve challenging objectives.

Welcome

Welcome to the O-CEI 2nd Open Call for Uptake Projects Guide for Applicants. This document outlines the rules for participation in the 2nd Open Call for the O-CEI Project, including eligibility criteria, maximum grant amount, timeline, submission rules, and the evaluation process.

Please take a moment to read this document carefully to understand the requirements and process. For any questions, please contact us at oc-office@o-cei.eu

Good luck!

O-CEI Open Call Team

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1 OPEN CALL BASIC CONDITIONS

Table 1. Open call basic conditions

SECTION	DESCRIPTION
CALL OPENING DATE	November 12th 2026 at 13:00 Brussels Time
CALL DEADLINE	January 14th 2027 at 17:00 Brussels Time
MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT	The max. grant amount is fixed to **EUR 200,000** per FSTP project (to be distributed amongst the partners) according to the selected type of lump-sum schema (type 1a).
HOW TO APPLY?	Submit your proposal via our online form within the deadline. The Consortium must nominate a coordinator, who will be in charge of submitting the proposal. Your application must be in English, and all mandatory sections must be completed. Proposals can be modified after submission (but only until the Open Call deadline). A maximum of two proposals per entity will be allowed, always conditioned that they are conducted by different teams within the organisation. A single proposal will be allowed to be submitted multiple times. Only the latest submission will be considered.
DURATION OF THE SUPPORT PROGRAMME:	The Grant is offered together with the O-CEI Support Programme. Our Programme lasts 11 months.
WHO CAN APPLY?	Consortium composed of up to 2 entities. Third parties selected must be consortia of a tech/service provider and an end user: • Tech/service provider: The eligible entities can be SMEs, (including Startups) • End user: any type of legal entity located in EU Member States and its Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) or Horizon Europe Associated countries
ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS RELATED TO WHO CAN APPLY?	The consortium cannot include entities linked to each other by capital. Applicants under EU restrictive measures are ineligible. O-CEI partners, affiliates, and employees cannot apply due to the conflict of interest.
PROJECT SCOPE - TYPE OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE FUNDED	**Uptake projects:** Uptake projects must be focused on replicability of O-CEI methodology, and whole adoption of our technologies. Proposals must devise a blueprint and understand the configuration of a layout to be deployed and must comply with O-CEI platform tools and techniques. The goal is for a Consortium (of 2 entities) in relevant sectors to mirror O-CEI pilots' methodology to demonstrate the uptake of emerging Smart IoT platforms via O-CEI. Use cases stories must be built considering a value chain in the selected domain that must be covered by the partner. Use cases might either extend the use of the platform within the 6 current sectors (energy, automotive, logistics,

	telecommunications, urban and agrifood sectors) or proposing pilots into additional domains. In case of ties, the latter will be prioritised.
CHALLENGES	• #1: ENERGY BLACKOUT: Maintaining a stable and resilient power grid in case of electricity blackout. • #2: LOGISTICS SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTION: Maintain the logistics supply chains resilient during disruption to ensure continuous operational functioning (and, if applicable, mobility of goods). • #3: DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES (DLT): The awarded project must include DLT utility(ies) in its layout and substantially demonstrate market acceptance departing from a LSP in the declared targeted sector. • #4: VIRTUALISATION AND HOME ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: Strengthening technological sovereignty and resilience through open-source virtualisation stacks, enabling greater control over critical energy infrastructure. For a more detailed description of the proposed challenges, please check the Technical Guidelines.
NUMBER OF GRANTS AND TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	We will support up to **8** Projects in this Open call. The total budget available for this Open call is **EUR 1,600,000.**
SUPPORT PROGRAMME	Our Support Programme covers 3 stages: • Stage 1. Requirements & Design. • Stage 2. Implementation. • Stage 3. Demonstration. FSTP projects will receive their grant in installments upon the successful completion of each stage. For more details on the exact payment schedule and how each project's progress will be evaluated, please refer to the 'Payment conditions' and 'Progress evaluation' chapters.
GROUND RULES AND FORMAL REQUIREMENTS	When applying for the O-CEI 2nd Open Call, please also note that the following conditions will be checked: 1. **Submission deadline:** Only proposals submitted through the online form before the deadline will be considered. 2. **Language requirement:** Proposals must be written in English. If mandatory sections are in another language, the proposal will be rejected. Non-mandatory sections in another language will not be evaluated, but the proposal will remain valid. 3. **Data accuracy:** The information you provide must be correct, complete, and allow proper evaluation. Extra material provided by you that was not requested in the form will not be considered. Although we may use other resources to verify that the provided data is true. 4. **Date of creating the entity:** Each applicant entity must be formally established and legally registered in accordance with the applicable laws of its country of incorporation prior to the date of the Open Call launch.

	5. **Completeness:** Ensure all required fields are filled. You can edit your submission until the deadline, but no changes are allowed after that. 6. **European dimension:** Your proposal should align with EU goals and contribute to creating a positive impact within the EU. This will be assessed considering, in particular, the Scalability and the Environmental and Social impact, and checking if the key personnel of the team are based in the European Union. 7. **Conflicts of interest:** We will check for any conflicts of interest between applicants and Consortium partners. Partners, their affiliated entities, and their employees cannot participate. Each case of conflict will be reviewed individually. 8. **Financial stability:** Entities under liquidation, in financial difficulty, or excluded from receiving EU funding are not eligible. We also exclude companies in bankruptcy. 9. **Original work:** Execution of your project should not violate third-party IPR. It must be based on your intellectual property or you must be allowed to use third-party rights. IPR to the project cannot be subject to any dispute. 10. **AI content:** The use of AI tools to improve clarity and structure is permitted, provided the content remains accurate and fact-based. Applications may be rejected if found to be AI-generated and lacking a factual foundation. All submissions must be authentic reflections of the project, and the applicant team must evidence the technical and operational capacity required for implementation. Providing unverifiable or non-authentic information is grounds for immediate rejection. 11. **Gender Equality Plan (GEP):** Public bodies, universities, and research organizations from EU or Associated countries must have a GEP. 12. **Attendance at the Support Programme Kick-Off Meeting:** All selected beneficiaries are obliged to participate in the Kick-Off Meeting on-site in Valencia that will take place in M1 of the Support Programme (May 2027). 13. **Acceptance of rules:** By applying, you agree to the Open Call Guide for Applicants outlined in this document.
MORE INFO ABOUT O-CEI PROJECT	You can find more information about our Project on O-CEI's website. Open call is managed by FundingBox Accelerator sp. z o.o., and organised by the O-CEI Consortium Partners. All documents - including the template of the Sub-Grant Agreement can be found on the Open Call Microsite.

2 SUBMISSION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Only proposals submitted through the online form before the Open Call Deadline will be considered. You will receive email confirmation if the form is submitted correctly. If not, contact us immediately.

Our evaluation process is transparent, fair and equal to all participants. We will evaluate your project in a few phases described below.

2.1 INITIAL CHECK

After the closure of the Open Call, the system will review your proposal to ensure it meets the Call Guide for Applicants (section 1). This check will be based on the declarations in your proposal. The projects that do not comply with those criteria will be excluded and marked as ineligible.

2.2 IN/OUT SCOPE SCREENING

In case of a large number of applications, or special needs of the project, the ***Selection Committee*** might decide to apply the In/Out Scope Screening Phase.

The In/Out Scope Screening consists of reviewing the overall summary/general objectives of all proposals included in the 'List of Eligible Applications' to evaluate the following items:

1. **Scope**. The objectives of the proposal must fit within one out of the five challenges described in Section 1. Details of those challenges (and expectations) can be found in the **Technical Guidelines:**
2. **(a) Demonstrable evidence of track and capacity** to execute the action. Here, the Selection Committee will qualitatively and quantitatively assess whether a Consortia conveys enough track record and demonstrable evidence of capacity to properly tackle the selected challenge. Aspects such as previous innovation experiences solving assimilable situations, as well as infrastructure and impact outreach means will be considered.

   OR

2. **(b) Open Source critical mass.** All applicants must demonstrate their link to an active EU Open Source community which mature open source project that is relevant, and operates, in their selected field and challenge (for instance: ECLIPSE SDV, Catena-X, LF Energy, EOSC, OpenSSF...). This engagement must include, at least, alignment, cooperation and contribution with a sizable community.

3. **European Dimension.** The project should have a European dimension as it is described in the ground rules and formal requirements of Section 1 of this document.

A "Yes/No" approach will be used to assess those criteria, and non-compliant proposals will be rejected.

Each proposal will be reviewed by one partner from the Selection Committee (other than FBA) and, once reviewed, the Selection Committee will generate an *'In Scope List'*.

2.3 SELECTION COMMITTEE ANALYSIS

The "In/Scope List" will be, then, re-assessed by the Selection Committee to evaluate whether the following technical operative requirements are met. Please, note that more extended documentation on how to comply with such requirements can be found in the **Technical Guidelines**:

- The application **must conform a Large Scale Pilot**, and this must be properly reasoned in the proposal description.
- The Large Scale Pilot proposed **must target a real problem** in a specific field, and this must be properly reasoned in the proposal description.
- The Consortium must be composed in such a way **to constitute a value chain** to solve such problem (demonstrable complementarity). As indicated in Section 1, such chain must include, at least, 1 SME and another stakeholder (any type of legal entity). h
- Consortia must guarantee and justify the **existence and availability of the necessary data and (their own) Cloud-Edge-IoT distributed infrastructure** before the start of the actions
- All applicants must declare a **blueprint** following O-CEI methodology (guidelines here).
- All applicants must complete a Layout following O-CEI's methodology, and include the result in the application submission. The tool is available here -O-CEI LayoutStudio- and the procedure will be detailed in the webinars organized by O-CEI Consortium.
- The **Layout** must include, at least, 1 Edge-Cloud orchestrator coming from O-CEI (aerOS, Nuvla, ICOS...). More information about the available orchestrators can be found in the Technical Guidelines.
- During the execution of the project, the applicant Consortium must **deploy and utilise O-CEI platform** to roll out the blueprint.
- It must be planned in their work plan an activity to **exchange knowledge/data in a cross-domain fashion with at least 1 pilot** of O-CEI.
- The application must include a **preliminary market analysis**, including a feasibility assessment for the exploitation of the result.
- The applicant must reserve resources (e.g., a task/deliverable) for feedback provisioning towards O-CEI Platform refinement. A webinar will be organized towards the end of the contribution (e.g., March 2028, TBD) to obtain formal feedback.
- The applicants must include in their workplan a **benchmark performance exercise** (up to their choice).

The process is designed to allow for a **maximum of 75 proposals to pass this Selection Committee Analysis**.

2.4 EXTERNAL EVALUATION

In this phase, each project will be evaluated by **two** external and independent evaluators, appointed according to the specific characteristics of the applicants from the pool of External Experts. Your project will be evaluated within the following awarding criteria:

(1). EXCELLENCE will evaluate:

- **Ambition.** The applicants have to demonstrate to what extent the proposed third party project contributes to the project scope, and is beyond the State of the Art. The third-party project has to describe the innovative approach behind it (e.g. ground-breaking objectives, novel concepts and approaches, new products, services or business and organisational models).

- **Innovation.** Applicants should provide information about the level of innovation within their market and about the degree of differentiation that this project will bring.

- **Soundness of the approach and credibility of the proposed methodology.**

(2). IMPACT will analyse:

- **Market opportunity.** The applicants have to demonstrate a clear idea of what they want to do and whether the new/improved product has market potential, e.g. because it solves a problem for a specific target customer. As indicated above, proposals must include a **preliminary market analysis**, including a feasibility assessment for the exploitation of the result

- **Competition.** The applicants have to provide information about the degree of competition for their particular product/service and if the idea is disruptive and breaks the market. i.e. the products/services to be brought to market can be clearly differentiated from the competition.

- **Commercial Strategy and Scalability.** The applicants have to demonstrate the level of scalability of the new/improved product meaning by not addressing a specific problem but being able to be commercialised in order to solve a structural problem in a specific sector/process/etc.

- **Environmental and social impact.** The applicants have to demonstrate the project contribution towards environmental, social and economic impacts to contribute to sustainable development, Green Deal and other European policies.

(3). IMPLEMENTATION will consider:

- **Work Plan:** The work plan of the applicant's proposal has to be clearly described and fully aligned with the objectives, including Work packages and tasks. The time plan should be realistic and achievable, coherent and effective. A risk assessment should also be provided.

- **Team**: The applicants have to demonstrate their management and leadership qualities, their ability to take a concept from ideas to market, their capacity to carry through their ideas and understand the dynamics of the market they are trying to tap into. The team should be a cross functional team, with a strong background and skills base and taking into account its gender balance.

- **Resources**: Demonstrate the quality and effectiveness of the resource consumption expected in order to get the objectives/deliverables proposed. The applicants will have to upload a budget estimation to the online application system. Applicants must include the costs associated with the mandatory project kick-off meeting in their budget estimation, ensuring that this requirement is fully reflected in the proposed resource planning. Note that this fulfilment has only evaluation purposes. No proof of expenditure shall be asked and the funding amount is fixed to EUR 200,000 since the call follows a lump-sum approach of type 1a.

The evaluators will score each award criterion on a scale from 0 to 5:

- 0 - Proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information
- 1 - Poor – criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses
- 2 - Fair – proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses
- 3 - Good – proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present
- 4 - Very good – proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present
- 5 - Excellent – proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Each evaluator will produce an Individual Evaluation Report. Once the Individual Evaluation Reports are submitted, the final score for each criterion will be calculated as the average of the scores provided by each evaluator. The final score of each application will be calculated as the sum of the scores for each criterion.

Once all the Individual Evaluation Reports are submitted, the final score will be calculated as a sum of the individual assessments provided by each evaluator.

For each criterion, the minimum threshold is 3 out of 5 points. The maximum total score will be 15 points, with a minimum total threshold of **10** points. In case of significant divergence between the evaluators' scoring, an additional evaluator will be included to provide an extra evaluation.

After the scoring of all proposals is concluded, a ranking will be elaborated. **A total of 8 projects will be selected** following these criteria:

- **At least 1 project per challenge** will be selected (according to ranking position).
- A **maximum of 3 projects per challenge** may be selected (according to ranking position).
- Depending on the quality and number of proposals received per challenge, the distribution of projects per challenge will be determined (at the Consensus Meeting stage – see next section).
- In case of score ties across proposals, the following prioritisation will apply:
    - New verticals have more priority than existing verticals (sectors already covered in O-CEI include: energy, automotive, logistics, telecommunications, urban and agrifood).
    - The highest score in the Impact Section.
    - Gender balance among the personnel responsible for carrying out the activities.
    - Geographical area, priority being given to widening countries (EU-13[1] and Western Balkans[2]).

All proposals that reach the threshold or are scored above the threshold will pass to the next phase – Consensus Meeting.

[1] EU-13: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta
[2] Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia

2.5 CONSENSUS MEETING

The Selection Committee, composed of consortium partners and two external experts, will review and discuss the results of the experts' evaluations. They will reach a consensus or majority of ⅔ votes on the list of proposals to be selected, considering the evaluation scores and scope.

The Selection Committee will review the ranking obtained from the External Evaluation.

The final decision will be made based on the evaluation results (see the criteria in section 2.3). Applicants will be notified after the Consensus Meeting about their status.

Keep in mind that although the highest-scoring proposals are usually chosen for funding, the Selection Committee can reject a candidate for valid reasons, such as not fitting O-CEI goals and scope, limited potential impact, commercial competition issues, serious ethical concerns, or possible conflicts of interest. The exact number of proposals approved will be decided based on the overall quality of the proposals.

The 'Provisional List of FSTP recipients' and 'Reserve List' will be produced.

Please note that we need time to process all the proposals in this phase, so you probably won't hear back for a while.

2.6 FORMAL CHECK & AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

Finalists will undergo a formal check to confirm their legal status (e.g., company registration, financial documents, ownership structure, tax ID, etc.).

Therefore, we will ask you to provide documents to confirm all the details (these will be - not an exhaustive list: company's registration document, tax ID number, ownership structure, financial statements, Bank Identification Form).

Documents must be provided within the **given deadline.** If you do not deliver the requested documents on time, without a clear and reasonable justification, we will have to exclude you from further formal assessment.

After passing this check, we will invite you to sign the Sub-Grant Agreement with the O-CEI Project consortium. The Sub-Grant Agreement will be signed sometime in Spring 2027, ensuring all the payment instalments by the O-CEI consortium.

The expected start date of the Support Programme is 1st May 2027.

Selected applicants may be invited to participate in interviews or promotional videos related to the project.

3 AFTER SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE

3.1 PAYMENT CONDITIONS

The Grant will be paid as a lump sum of type 1a. Payments depend on the successful and timely completion of each stage of the work planned and outlined in the Individual Mentoring Plan developed at the beginning of the Support Programme. Payments are scheduled in tranches as follows:

PAYMENT MILESTONES	DELIVERABLE	PAYMENT MILESTONE	PAYMENT INSTALLMENTS
Uptake projects			
Stage 1. Requirements & Design	IMP and Project design report	M1	up to EUR 15 000
Stage 2. Implementation	Integration report	M2 – M7	up to EUR 100 000
Stage 3. Demonstrator	Validation report	M8 – M11	up to EUR 85 000
		11 months	up to EUR 200 000

3.2 PROGRESS EVALUATION

We pay upon the delivery of the agreed results - not upon the delivery of certain receipts. No proof of expenditure of the estimated budget shall be asked for, since this open call follows a lump sum approach (type 1a). Therefore, a mentoring team composed of a sub-set of Consortium Partners, as well as the Selection Committee, will evaluate your progress regularly.

PAYMENT MILESTONES	EXPLANATION
Stage 1.Requirements & Design	Within the first month of the Support Programme, you will prepare an Individual Mentoring Plan (IMP) outlining the final budget, KPIs, and deliverables for performance assessment. It will also cover any specific Ethics Assessment requirements (if applicable). You will also prepare the Project design report. The milestone will be evaluated by the Selection Committee, taking into account: • Deliverables quality (90%) • Deadline compliance (10%) Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 10, and the final score will be calculated based on the weights indicated. A score of 7 points or more is required to continue in the program.
Milestones' review Stage 2. & Stage 3	Before each payment, the Selection Committee will review your progress. Performance will be evaluated by Technical Partners and Ethics Partners (if applicable) based on: • Deliverables quality (30%) • Technical/Business KPIs (60%)

	• Deadline compliance (10%) Each criterion will be scored from 0 to 10, and the final score will be calculated based on the weights indicated. A score of 7 points or more is required to continue in the program. For more details, please check the template of the Sub-Grant Agreement on the Open Call Microsite.

4 CONTACT INFORMATION

ONLINE EVENTS - WEBINARS

O-CEI Consortium Partners will organize two online events: a webinar where the Open Call requirements, application procedures, and evaluation processes will be explained. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the O-CEI project and the 2nd Open Call.

The webinars will be held on the following dates:

- November 9th, 2.30 p.m. CET
- December 11th, 10.30 a.m. CET

The registration link will be available on the Open Call Microsite. Both webinars will be recorded and will be available afterwards.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you have any questions regarding our application process, feel free to post your questions in the following way:

- ✔ Ask your question in the O-CEI Helpdesk Space.
- ✔ Send us an email to the following address: oc-office@o-cei.eu .

Please note that responses to any questions are provided on an individual basis, do not constitute a change to this guide, and they are provided for informational purposes only.

In case of any technical issues or problems, please include the following information in your message:

- ✔ Your username, phone number and your email address;
- ✔ Details of the specific problem (e.g. error messages you encountered, bug description, i.e. if a dropdown list isn't working, etc.); and
- ✔ Screenshots of the problem.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe there was an error in one of the evaluation phases, you may submit a complaint within three calendar days after sending the results to you.

Send it to oc-office@o-cei.eu in English and include the following information:

- ✔ Your contact details (including email address);
- ✔ The subject of the complaint;
- ✔ Information and evidence regarding the alleged mistake.

- ✔ Application ID.

Please note that we will review only complaints related to:

- errors in the process caused by our staff;
- technical issues beyond the applicant's control;
- clear human or mechanical errors made by our staff;
- incorrectly marked statements, minor clerical errors, and obvious typographical mistakes.

Please note that we will not review complaints related to the content of the expert evaluations.

Complaints will be reviewed within seven calendar days. If more time is needed, we will inform you via email. Anonymous complaints or those with incomplete information will not be considered.

5 LAST BUT NOT LEAST - FINAL PROVISIONS

Any operational matters related to this open call not covered by this Guide for Applicants will be governed by Polish law, Horizon Europe Programme rules and EU grant regulations.

The signature of the Sub-Grant Agreement will state that any conflicts arising related to the articles included in such model will be governed by Spanish law. The template of this Sub-Grant Agreement document follows the DESCA model and it can be found on the Open Call Microsite.

We make our best effort to keep all provided data confidential; however, for the avoidance of doubt, you are solely responsible for indicating your confidential or sensitive information as such.

Please be aware that your application form will be shared with the external evaluators and O-CEI Consortium partners.

You retain ownership of your intellectual property rights (IPR).

The signature of the Sub-grant Agreement is the initial condition to establish any obligations among applicants and any Consortium partners (with respect to the obligation of confidentiality of the application). The Sub-grant Agreement will include a set of obligations towards the European Commission (for example: promoting the project and giving visibility to the EU funding, maintaining confidentiality, and understanding potential controls by the EC/ECA, EPPO, and OLAF).

Please be aware that eligibility criteria will be checked throughout the process, including a final review and Support Programme.

In the event of any discrepancies between this Guide and their Annexes, the Guide shall prevail.

The O-CEI Consortium reserves the right to cancel or modify the call at any time, informing applicants accordingly.

Need more help? Contact us at oc-office@o-cei.eu, and we'll be happy to assist.

6 GLOSSARY

- **O-CEI –** the project acronym: Open CloudEdgeIoT Platform Uptake in Large Scale Cross-Domain Pilots
- **SME** – An SME will be considered as such if it complies with the European Commission's Recommendation 2003/361/EC. As a summary, the criteria defining an SME are:
    - Headcount in Annual Work Unit (AWU) less than 250;
    - Annual turnover less or equal to €50 million OR annual balance sheet total less or equal to €43 million.

The figures of partners and linked enterprises should also be considered as stated in the SME user guide. For detailed information, check the EU recommendation:

In other words, some open calls are only open to SMEs. If your organization doesn't meet the European Commission's definition of an SME, you won't be eligible to apply for those calls.

- **FSTP** - Financial Support to Third-Parties
- **SELECTION COMMITTEE –** the decision-making board of the project in all key issues related to FSTP management. It is composed of FBA and the governance bodies structure of O-CEI:
    - FundingBox Accelerator sp. z o.o. (FBA) – Moderator
    - Universitat Politècnica de València (UPV) – Project Coordinator
    - National Center for Scientific Research "Demokritos" (NCSRD) – Scientific leader
    - Asociación de Empresas Tecnológicas INNOVALIA (INNO) – Pilots leader
    - Bluspecs SL (BLU) – Market leader
    - Digital For Planet (D4P) – Impact leader