

Silicon Eurocluster Project is coming to an end, Strengthening Europe's Technological and Sustainable Future

- The Silicon Eurocluster project has strengthened Europe's technological resilience by supporting businesses with tools to navigate future challenges and enhance self-sufficiency.
- By funding 12 innovative projects and providing financial support to other 25 SMEs, the project has driven sustainable transformation and technological advancements across different industries.
- The project has empowered the European workforce through upskilling and reskilling programs while supporting SMEs in expanding into international markets.

27 February 2025 – The Silicon Eurocluster project has successfully concluded, marking a significant milestone in the advancement of Europe's electronics sector. This initiative has brought together key players from across the continent, fostering collaboration and driving the adoption of sustainable and resilient business practices.

One of the project's major outputs is the development of a Resilience Plan, designed to strengthen Europe's technological ecosystem and provide businesses with the necessary strategies to navigate future challenges. By identifying critical areas of improvement and ensuring greater self-sufficiency, this plan has laid the foundation for a more competitive and sustainable industry.

During the 30 months of the project duration, an open call was launched for demonstration projects from which twelve innovative projects obtained funding for their development. This contributed to the development of new technologies and advancements across different industrial sectors.

Recognizing the importance of workforce development in a rapidly changing market, the project has also introduced an upskilling and reskilling portfolio. Silicon Eurocluster has compiled what project partners have provided in upskilling and reskilling programmes such as training programs, which ensure that professionals remain equipped with the skills needed to drive industry growth and adapt to emerging technological trends.

In alignment with Europe's commitment to make European industry more sustainable, the project launched an open call for green experts and developed a dedicated <u>catalogue</u> with the eligible applicants with the aim of connecting businesses with specialists to provide guidance on implementing green solutions. For this purpose, an open call for green financial support was





launched which resulted in the selection of 25 SMEs (know more about them) that received dedicated funding to access expert consultancy services, allowing them to transition toward more environmentally responsible operations while maintaining their competitiveness in the market.

Additionally, the project has placed a strong emphasis on internationalization, offering European SMEs resources and expertise to expand their presence beyond national borders. By facilitating entry into international markets such as United States or Taiwan, this initiative aimed to strengthen Europe's global influence in the fields of technology and innovation.

The Silicon Eurocluster project has not only delivered tangible results but has also established a strong foundation for continued collaboration and growth in the European electronics technology sector. The progress made throughout this project reflects the collective efforts of industry partners and SMEs committed to advancing digital and sustainable transformation. As the project concludes, its outcomes will continue to serve as a driving force for future advancements within the <u>Silicon Europe Alliance</u>, ensuring that Europe remains at the forefront of technological innovation and economic resilience.



About Silicon Europe Alliance

Silicon Europe Alliance is a Europe-wide network of 12 leading cluster partners, focused on SMEs and including organizations from industry, research, and the public sector. We bring together >2000 (number to be updated) specialists in innovative electronics to solve challenges and deliver sustainable solutions for the future.

About Silicon Eurocluster Project Partners

The Eurocluster has been carried out by 10 clusters from France, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Austria, Sweden, Bulgaria and Spain.

Participant clusters are:

Minalogic
Cluster GAIA
High Tech NL
Mesap Innovation Cluster
Opentech
AKTANTIS
Silicon Alps Cluster
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