

We inform you about the new initiative from the European Commission **European Light Industries Innovation and Technology (ELIIT) Project** funded by the COSME Programme of the **European Union**.

The aim of ELIIT is to promote European cooperation between [SMEs](#) from [textile, clothing, leather](#) and [footwear](#) (TCLF) industries and providers or owners of disruptive technologies, to **promote the use of technology-ready solutions to improve productivity, value chain integration, resource efficiency and to create new high added-value products and services**. KETs and digital technologies, artificial intelligence, internet of things, among others are examples of technologies that could be implemented in European SMEs within ELIIT initiative.

ELIIT will select **25 partnerships between SMEs active in the TCLF sectors, and innovative technology owners or providers** throughout the launch of different calls for proposals. The objective of these partnerships is to **implement the excellent research results achieved in many technological areas by the technology owners/providers to the European SMEs within the TCLF industries**.

These partnerships will be supported through:

- Direct economic support of 70.000 € per project.
- Coaching program performed by specialists from different areas of interest for the partners selected.
- Networking activities with professional links and participation in international events

The **first call for proposals** has been launched **on November 2019** and it will **close March 17th, 2020**.

We would appreciate if we could **explore ways to raise awareness of ELIIT among your community**.

You can participate by registering in the ELIIT platform where you can also find additional info.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eliit>