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Annex A – Courtesy Application Form

**Go Green, Get Digital, Be Resilient**

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# Registration and administrative information

## **Information on Lead Applicant**

Organisation Legal Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Commercial Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country of Registration: Choose an item.

Organisation Registration Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Website URL: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Person - Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Person - Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

 Primary Contact Person - Phone Number (with country code): Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation LinkedIn profile: Click or tap here to enter text.

The organisation is considered an SME according to European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC[[1]](#footnote-2):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Please indicate the category applicable to your organisation:

Choose an item.

VAT Number (or local registration number if VAT number is not available): Click or tap here to enter text.

Select your NACE code related to tourism: Choose an item.

If your business activity does not appear in the list above, please mention your other tourism activity: Click or tap here to enter text.

Do you have a good command of English (At least upper - intermediate level recommended):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Information about the Legal Representative

Organisation Legal Representative - Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

ID Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Passport Number (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Legal Representative - Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Lead Applicant declaration**

I consent to being informed and receiving communications about activities and developments within the TASTE project that may be of interest to me, via electronic and similar communication channels. [ ]

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c) it has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify including by decisions of the European Investment Bank and international organisations; [ ]

d) it is not in compliance with its obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed, to be proved by the deliverance of official documents issued by the local authorities, according to the local applicable rules; [ ]

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The above-mentioned organisation:

* If selected, will execute the proposed project under the established conditions and is committed to participating in the Go Green, Get Digital, Be Resilient Programme; [ ]
* has the necessary financial and human resources as and when needed to carry out its involvement in the programme and the implementation of the project; [ ]
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**Information on other Partner(s) of the Collaborative Project**

* + - Note: At least **half of the partners** in each partnership must be **tourism SMEs**. When a partnership includes other partners than tourism SMEs, the financial support provided to the partnership must be directed principally towards the tourism SMEs to address tourism SMEs needs and serve to reach tourism SMEs’ objectives in line with this call for proposals (min **60% of the project budget**). The **Lead Partner** must be legally registered in one of the following countries: **Belgium, Italy, Latvia, Slovenia or Spain.** The other partners involved in the collaborative project can be legally registered in other countries. The partners involved in the same partnership shall be independent from each other (e.g. no structural, legal, financial control between them). Each legal entity shall be involved in one collaborative project only, either as a lead or a partner. If an organisation is found to be involved in more than one application (whether as a lead or a partner), all proposals including that organisation will be automatically excluded from evaluation.

## **Information on Partner 2**

Organisation Legal Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Commercial Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country of Registration: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Registration Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Website URL: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Person - Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Person - Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Person Phone Number (with country code): Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation LinkedIn profile: Click or tap here to enter text.

The organisation is considered an SME according to European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC[[2]](#footnote-3):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, what type of organisation are you? Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your business activity?Choose an item.

For another tourism related ecosystem (agri-food, culture, handicrafts, digital technologies, proximity and social economy, etc.), please mention which: Click or tap here to enter text.

VAT Number (or local registration number if VAT number is not available): Click or tap here to enter text.

Information about the Legal Representative

Organisation Legal Representative - Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

ID Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Passport Number (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Legal Representative - Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Partner 2 declaration**

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## **Information on Partner 3 (optional)**

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Country of Registration: Choose an item.

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 Primary Contact Person Phone Number (with country code): Click or tap here to enter text.

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The organisation is considered an SME according to European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC[[3]](#footnote-4):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, what type of organisation are you? Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your business activity?Choose an item.

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ID Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Passport Number (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Legal Representative - Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Partner 3 declaration**

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## **Information on Partner 4 (optional)**

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Country of Registration: Choose an item.

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Website URL: Click or tap here to enter text.

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The organisation is considered an SME according to European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC[[4]](#footnote-5):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, what type of organisation are you? Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your business activity?Choose an item.

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Information about the Legal Representative

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ID: Click or tap here to enter text.

Passport (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

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### **Partner 4 declaration**

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## **Information on Partner 5 (optional)**

Organisation Legal Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation Commercial Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Country of Registration: Choose an item.

Organisation Registration Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Website URL: Click or tap here to enter text.

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The organisation is considered an SME according to European Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC[[5]](#footnote-6):

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

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What is your business activity?Choose an item.

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Information about the Legal Representative

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# Project Information

**Project title: (Maximum 150 characters)** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project description:** (Give an overview of the project, explain its main objective, the issue addressed and its solution, and the expected impact on the tourism sector) **(Maximum 2000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

## **Transformation goals covered by the project:**

**Note:** The project must address at least two of the following transformation goals (Green Transition and Sustainability, Digital Transition, and Resilience).

[ ]  **Green Transition and Sustainability**

If selected, topics covered under this goal:

 [ ] Food waste and circular food systems

[ ] Sustainable food sourcing and local supply chains

[ ] Low-carbon food operations

[ ] Sustainability certifications

[ ] Accessibility

[ ] Health and Nutrition

[ ] Heritage preservation

[ ]  **Digital Transition**

If selected, topics covered under this goal:

☐ Smart food tourism

☐ Digital storytelling and immersive experiences

☐ E-commerce and digital marketing

☐ Food traceability and blockchain

☐ Data analytics for waste reduction

☐ Digital skills for tourism SMEs

[ ]  **Resilience**

If selected, topics covered under this goal:

☐ Diversification of the tourism offer

☐ Food security and contingency planning

☐ Risk management strategies

☐ Staff wellbeing and working conditions

☐ Business model adaptation

## **Explain how your project demonstrates clear integration of the tourism and food sector:**

**(The following examples are not exhaustive: *Local sourcing of food, and beverages****, involving farmers, fishermen, aquaculture producers, and/or agri-food companies in partnership with hotels, restaurants, and catering businesses to create low-carbon, sustainable menus.* ***Farm-to-fork and boat-to-plate experiences****, offering visitors immersive activities such as visits to farms, fisheries, aquaculture sites, and local markets, combined with tastings, workshops, or educational tours, to promote local food and seafood heritage, sustainability practices, and cultural authenticity.)* **(Maximum 1000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

## **Project details**

1. **Excellence and level of innovation**

(Evaluate the project’s relevance to the tourism sector and its level of innovation to achieve sustainable, digital, or resilient transformations, novelty compared to existing solutions or practices.) **(Maximum 1500 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

1. **Contribution to the goals of TASTE and the objectives of the EU Transition Pathway for Tourism**

(Evaluates how well the project aligns with the TASTE objectives and the EU priorities on sustainability, digitalisation, and resilience.)

The [EU Transition Pathways](https://transition-pathways.europa.eu/tourism/knowledge-and-learning/ttp-reports) are strategic frameworks designed to help small businesses adapt to green and digital transformations. They provide guidance, resources, and support to ensure businesses can meet sustainability goals and leverage digital technologies effectively. You may indicate the most relevant ones you address and how your proposal contributes to its objectives[[6]](#footnote-7).

**(Maximum 1000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

1. **Feasibility and potential for growth, expansion and scalability:**

(Assesses whether the project is realistic and implementable, and whether it has potential for future growth, scaling, or broader uptake.) **(Maximum 1500 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

1. **Replicability and transferability potential:**

(Measures the potential of the project to be adapted or transferred to other contexts or regions, enabling broader impact.) **(Maximum 1000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

1. **Capacity, competences and commitment of partnering entities**

(Assesses the skills, expertise, and commitment of the consortium partners. Emphasis is placed on collaborative capacity and a shared vision.) **(Maximum 1000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

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| Staff Member Name | Organisation Name | Type of Partner | Education | Relevant experience in the area of the project | Skills (include English level) | LinkedIn profile |
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1. **Cost effectiveness and efficiency**

(Explain how well resources are allocated to achieve the desired impact, ensuring value for money and clear budgeting. This field must be in accordance with the “Annex B - Estimated Budget”) **(Maximum 1000 characters)**

Click or tap to enter text

1. **SMEs must follow** EU definition in line with the [EU recommendation 2003/361](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition_en)**.** In general terms, this means that they employ less than 250 people with an annual turnover of up to EUR 50 million, or a balance sheet total of no more than EUR 43 million, as per the. SMEs self- assessment: SME Questionnaire (europa.eu). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. **SMEs must follow** EU definition in line with the [EU recommendation 2003/361](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-fundamentals/sme-definition_en)**.** In general terms, this means that they employ less than 250 people with an annual turnover of up to EUR 50 million, or a balance sheet total of no more than EUR 43 million, as per the. SMEs self- assessment: SME Questionnaire (europa.eu). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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6. The **main objectives of the EU Transition Pathway for tourism** are: Ensure tourism respects environmental limits and delivers lasting social and economic benefits; Accelerate carbon- and resource-efficiency via energy savings, waste reduction and renewables; Embed circularity across value chains to minimise waste, water and material use; Boost digital capacities of SMEs and destinations through data sharing and tech-enabled services; Strengthen resilience against shocks (e.g. health crises, extreme weather) via diversification and accessibility; Develop green and digital skills to equip tourism professionals and foster attractive career paths. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)