

RULES

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APPLICATIONS

From March 1st, 2021
to May 28th, 2021

Context

An adult spends 22% of his or her waking time at work (including travel time). Changes in the world of work brought about by the interconnection of economies and the digitalization of processes and sectors require employees to constantly adapt. This environment is both stimulating and potentially a source of physical and psychological stress.

Sport is a vector that improves employee well-being, helps prevent certain pathologies (particularly those caused by excessive sedentary lifestyle or professional activities requiring repetitive movements) and encourages interaction between colleagues.

As the company is a constrained environment in terms of available space, the challenge will be to develop products and solutions that facilitate sports practice by taking into account the constraints of time (how to make the most of a coffee or lunch break) and space (how to encourage sports practice in the workplace or at a distance).

Within that dynamic, **MEL** and **CITC** have joined forces with **BPI France**, **mutuelle JUST**, the **University of Lille**, the **MEDEF**, the **FFSE** and the **IRFO** to propose the call for projects « **Sport en Entreprise** » (Sport in companies).

This call for projects aims at boosting innovation and experimentation at local scale, by offering European stakeholders (companies, labs, etc.) the opportunity to test their solutions in real conditions with companies in the European metropolis of Lille.

The selected projects will be aimed in particular at employees to encourage the playful practice of sport in companies or in the workplace.

Eligibility criteria

This call for project concerns:

- Private sector structures operating in Europe: Project leaders, start-ups, SMEs, associations.
- Public structures from academic research such as universities and research bodies.

You can submit your project on your own or set up a consortium.

About the projects

The submitted projects shall concern any hardware and/or software innovation: equipment, smart objects, applications... which can be experimented within companies (both face-to-face and remote) to promote the practice of sport.

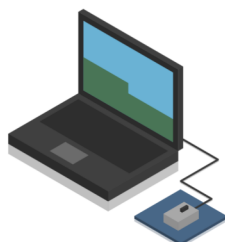
They shall be innovative and use emerging technologies: wireless technologies, augmented, mixed, virtual reality, Artificial Intelligence, etc.

YOUR PROJECT MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 3 OBJECTIVES :



Ubiquity* :

The product or prototype should facilitate and develop the practice of sport in a short time and anywhere: directly at the workplace, in the office, in a parking lot ...



Distance* :

The product or prototype will have to develop and allow the practice of sport at home. For instance, it could make possible to keep a link between employees working from home ...



Prevention* :

The product or prototype will have to make it possible to relieve or have a preventive action on the pathologies frequently met. For example in the case of sedentary employees who may have neck pain, wrist tendinitis ... but also in the case of employees who perform more physical movements or handling ...

* This list of examples for each theme is not exhaustive and is provided for information purpose only.

What is at stake ?

A support

- **3 prize-winning projects** will receive a **€10,000** grant according to the financial needs to develop the prototypes and/or enable the use of the solutions and products with partner companies to provide visibility and promote marketing.
- The selected projects will have the opportunity to benefit from **assistance** by the linking with **industrialization partners**.
- **An expertise and a personalized technologic coaching will be provided by the CITC engineers**, key actors in terms of Internet of things and Ambient Intelligence, to help applicants for the setup of application and beyond in the project development.
- The selected projects will have the opportunity to take advantage of a linking with a **potential financing body**.

A testing ground

The selected project developers will also have the opportunity to take advantage of :

- **Full-scale testing** in partner companies or in MEL's incubator for accelerated project development and **feedback**.
- **An unprecedented highlight** of selected projects to promote their **presentation** during the testing phase in the Stadium and during the call for project.
- **Access to a national and European technological ecosystem** thanks to the CITC's IoT Cluster, with the aim of meeting any technical needs and increasing the skills of the selected project leaders.



Selection criteria

The selection process will occur as follows :

- Submission of an expression of interest
- Audition in front of technical committee (pitch)
- Pre-selection technical committee (June 18th, 2021)
- Submission of a full application file submitted to a selection committee (if the pre-selection was validated)
- 2^{NDE} audition in front of selection committee

The technical committee, composed of MEL, CITC, BPI France, mutuelle JUST, University of Lille, MEDEF, FFSE and IRFO, is in charge of the pre-selection of files regarding expressions of interest that have been received. The pre-selection will take place after an audition and will retain the eligible projects.

A selection committee made up of partners involved in the call for project and extended to any other expert that the said partners deem useful to solicit (sites of excellence, partner companies, etc.), will be in charge of the final selection to define the selected projects.

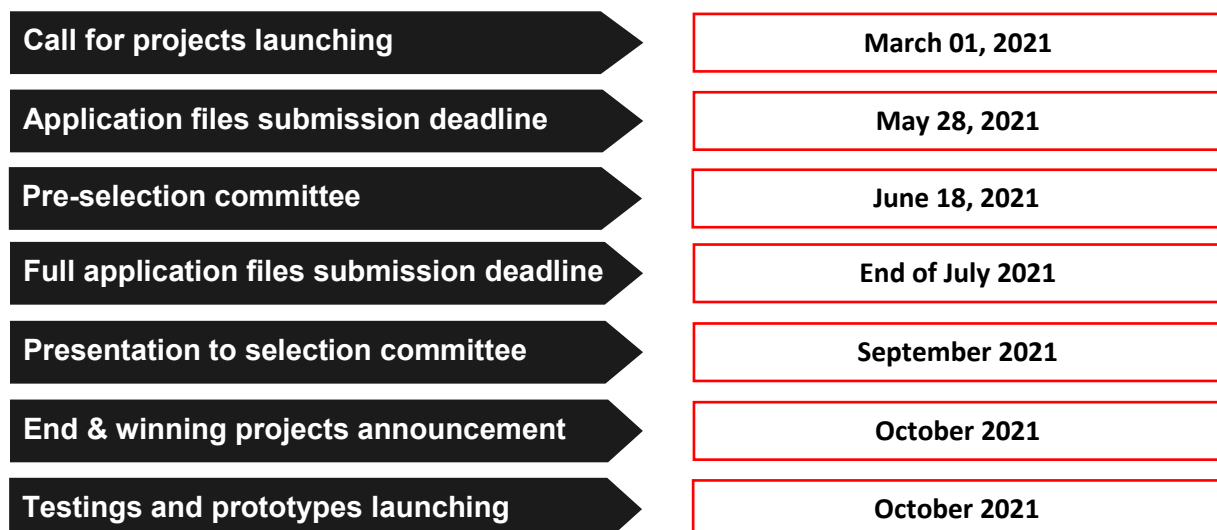
Audition (in front of technical and selection committee) will be carried out with due regards to confidentiality of projects, with mention of the representatives for a possible opposition in case of conflict of interest or competition.

Following the final decisions of the selection committee, the selected applicants will receive a favourable notification. Those whose project has not been selected will be directly informed by the MEL.

Here are the selection criteria :

- Adequation of project with the above-mentioned themes
- Economic and market potential
- Relevance of the project regarding technology and uses
- Technical feasibility and maturity of the project
- Implementation within partner companies
- Quality and credibility of the proposal and project developers
- Incentive effect of support request aiming at starting or amplifying the project

Calendar



Rules for participation

I - Submission of expressions of interest

To apply to the call for project, an expression of interest file (max. 3 pages) shall be sent in pdf format version until **28th May 2021**, exclusively by e-mail to the following address:

aapse2021@lillemetropole.fr

The file is available on the call for project release address :

<http://lillemetropole.fr>

An acknowledgement of receipt will be issued to confirm that applications are recorded.

II - Pre-selection

Applicants may be invited to a hearing in the form of a pitch during one of the sessions organized by the technical committee (it can be done by visio-conference for applicants located out of the Lille Metropole area).

The pre-selected projects after this first hearing, shall be the subject of a full application file submission.

III - Submission of the full application file

This file shall gather all following points :

- List and CVs of project developers and possible involved partners in the project .

- Presentation of the structure(s) supporting the project.
- Description of the project with quantity and quality datas on the innovative dimension of suggested use.
- Market potential and fields of application of the project.
- Description of the conditions of realization and implementation of the project and/or demonstrator.
- Implementation schedule.
- Concize overall funding plan.

Applicants shall send the file in pdf format version within the end of **July 2021** to the following address :

aapse2021@lillemetropole.fr

NB : Any incomplete application file will be refused at this deadline.

IV - Selection

The pre-selected projects with a full application submission will be presented by project developers during a second hearing, in front of the selection committee.

A selection notification will be sent.

Contact Organization

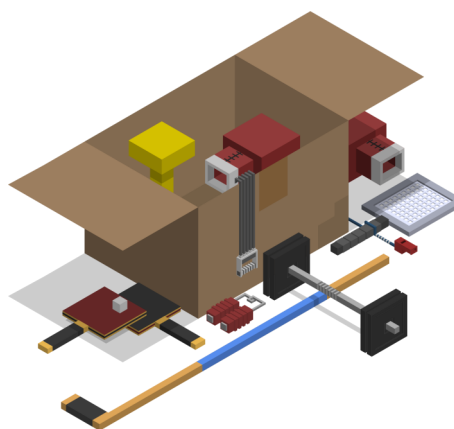
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Legal framework

Applying to this call for project implies the unconditional acceptance and the compliance with the provisions of the specifications, available anytime during the call for project period on the website <http://www.lillemetropole.fr> or on request to the MEL by letter to the attention of MR. President, **2 boulevard des Cités Unies CS 70043 59040 Lille Cedex.**

MEL and its partners reserve the right to take legal actions against any individual who would attempt to cheat or affect the smooth running of the call for project. Thus, in case of clear fraud in all its forms, the call for project can be canceled or invalidated.

MEL and its partners also reserve the right to shorten, extend, suspend or cancel the call for project, without any financial compensations. Therefore, their responsibility shall not be incurred .

Intellectual property

If the project is based on a particular innovation, the applicant shall make all necessary arrangements to protect intellectual property. Work that has been done by the applicant within that framework, remain actually its property.

The applicant attests that he/she possesses the intellectual and industrial property rights and, failing that, he/she certifies that he/she has received all authorizations regarding intellectual and industrial property rights related to the project.

He/she guarantees MEL and its partners against any kind of complaint from any third party regarding all intellectual and industrial property rights concerning the presented project, as well as financial consequences which are his/her personal business as declared.

Confidentiality

Within the context of this call for project, applicants may disclose confidential information. organizers and jury members commit already to use these information with great care.

Received information within that framework, cannot be directly or indirectly forwarded to a third party without written authorization from the project developer, except for information that enter public domain on the day of their release or if they are forwarded by someone who explicitly and officially declared under his/her own responsibility, that they were not confidential.

As a result, the applicant may state, in the response file, which are the confidential elements for the exclusive use of the selection committee and its experts.

MEL and its partners are committed not to disclose any information for which a confidential treatment has been clearly specified and requested in his/her application file.

However, the confidential character shall not be requested by the project developer for the application file as a whole.

Only the project developer can estimate the opportunity/modalities for a protection of confidential information by claiming such rights.

Nevertheless, within the context of communication with regards to the call for project, organizers are allowed :

To communicate to the press and publish on their Website the legal name, the name of the file, the name of Applicants;

To make public the essential and non-confidential characteristics of the submitted projects, without compensation of any kind whatsoever.

Data property and privacy

The datas remain the property of the person communicating them. By participating in the competition, candidates undertake to sign a non-dissemination and privacy protection agreement in the event that the datas are not anonymous or contain personal information, including indirect references.

Image right – personal datas

Each applicant authorises, free of charge, the organizers, directly or indirectly, to record and exploit his/her image on any medium (photos, films, audio,) as well as his/her presentations and support for the application.

To this end, the applicant authorise the organizers, for a period of 2 (two) years from the submission of the application, to represent, reproduce, disseminate and exploit the applicant's image (as specified above), in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, through the organizers or any third party authorised by them, throughout the world, by means of the press, written, radio, television, computer, on all supports and all formats, and more generally by all known or future technical methods and processes, and whatever the sectors of diffusion, in particular within the framework of the communications associated with the organization, information and promotion of the call for projects.

The rules were written in French and are governed by French law. This is a translation of the French version.