



Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) for S3P-Industry investment projects

Do you have an investment project on the S3P-Industry platform?

Would you like to work with experts from leading advisory firms to improve your business plan and investment readiness?

Would you like to receive these services free-of-charge?

If your answer is “yes” to these questions, there may be a new EU-funded support scheme for you!

What is the support scheme?

The Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) support scheme provides free-of-charge expert advice to eligible investment projects generated through the Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation (S3P-Industry).

How can it help my investment project?

Through the scheme, project promoters will have the opportunity to work with business, corporate finance and legal experts from leading international business advisory firms in order to improve their business plans and boost their investment readiness.

Depending on the specific needs of the projects, the experts will provide tailored advice on a wide range of topics. These include, but are not limited to, appropriate financial structuring and mix of funding sources, investment vehicles, governance rules, business models, marketing and sales strategies, financials, cash flow analysis, due diligence preparation and intellectual property rights.



Am I eligible to apply?

- The project must be generated within the **Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation (S3P-Industry)**.
- The project must be **represented by a specific person (the 'project manager')** representing a lead organisation based in one of the regions active on the S3P-Industry platform.
- The project must have an **interregional dimension**. This means that it should include participating organisations from two or more regions of the S3P-Industry platform. In cases where participating organisations are from one region only, the applicant should clearly demonstrate inter-regional associations/linkages within the project.
- The project must **commit the necessary human resources** to work with assigned experts, and implement the steps agreed with the experts.

How can I apply?

To apply, please fill out the online application form available on the [S3P-Industry website](#).

When can I apply?

The applications are received on a rolling basis and evaluated in assessment rounds, which are held two to five times a year from 2019 to 2021.

The timeline for 2020 is as follows:

Applications received by	Assessment round
14 February 2020	April 2020
30 April 2020	June 2020
30 June 2020	September 2020
15 September 2020	October 2020
30 October 2020	December 2020

Where can I find more information?

For more information, please check out the S3P-Industry website at:

<http://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/taf>

If you have any further queries, please email TAF@ecorys.com

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