Open Call 2 – Support to project teams

Teams selected for a WEAR funded award will benefit from mentorship and a wide array of supporting services offered by the hubs and experts in the WEAR network, to develop the wearables and smart textiles innovations and sustainability strategies.

1. Each winning team will receive up to 50,000€.[1]

   a. 15€k of the total grant will be given out as **vouchers** which will be paid exclusively towards services provided by the WEAR network partners (mentors and hubs).
   b. 35€k of the total grant (**team budget**) will be paid out in three instalments to the team, and can be used for costs not covered by the vouchers (e.g. team member salaries, consumables, rent, subcontracts, services not covered by the network).

2. The project grant will be paid in three instalments (10€k at beginning, 15€k after mid-term review, 10€k at end of the project), and is paid after signing the contract (1st instalment), a successful mid-term-review (2nd) and successful end-term review (3rd).

   The reviews are two check-ins from a Monitoring Committee (5 experts), which will take place remotely with each team after month 3, and at end of the project (month 6).

   Evaluation results in:
   - GREEN: Project on-track and can be proceeded as planned;
   - ORANGE: Milestones delayed, the planning should be adjusted to reach the innovation goal;
   - RED: Project off-track, innovation is irrelevant or the team doesn't show commitment to the project. The project will be stopped and remaining budget reallocated to other projects.

3. As part of the application process, teams are required to state which services they think they need most during the support period. These will form the basis of matching teams with main mentors and home hubs, as well as help WEAR to understand potential gaps in skills and experience of team members and identify other support areas which the teams may benefit from.

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[1] For a full description of the conditions of and for payments, please check the team contract template.

Innovation supporting services will be clustered around 10 types of services via 3 types of vouchers:

Vouchers A
- Design & Aesthetics
- Ethics & Sustainability (Environmental & Social)
- ICT Technology
- Prototyping

Vouchers B
- Data & Data Models
- User-centred Design
- Business
- Legal

Vouchers C
- Validation Trials / Living Lab Experiments
- Business and Venturing
- Ethics & Sustainability (Business)

4. Each team will work with a **main mentor** as an advisor over the duration of their project, providing support and knowledge in a field that the team is not experienced in and/or requires the most support with.

   The main mentor will be paid from the team's voucher budget. WEAR does not set fees for the mentors, thus allow flexibility to adjust your budget depending on who you will be working with. Main mentors will spend a minimum of **6 days (48 hours)** with/towards working with their team. Matching of team and main mentor will be done after the winners are announced, and only mentors already registered with WEAR are available. WEAR does not allow teams to pre-appoint main mentors during proposal stage.

5. Each awarded team connected to a relevant, local (where possible) **home hub** to do the operational follow up, provide practical support, services and access to local experts.

   The home hub will be paid from the team's voucher budget, and the team is required to spend a minimum of 3€k for services from the home hub. Matching of team and

home hub will take place in the first month of the project time, in consultation between WEAR, the team and their main mentor.

NOTES - Timing and payments:

a. Please keep to the deadlines set by the WEAR consortium for signing your contract. Please note that any delay in signing the contract will lead to delay in payment of the grant. A template of the WEAR team contract can be reviewed [here.](#)

b. Please be aware that given to the pan-European nature of this project, individual tax rules may apply according to your location. WEAR does not offer financial advisory service, please check with your local tax office in advance.

c. Vouchers cannot be spent after the finish date of the project time (17th September 2018). Should the project be deemed unsuccessful in the mid-term review, vouchers will not be allowed to be spent after review.

d. Services paid for by vouchers will be paid directly by WEAR coordinator IMEC (this requires the hub or mentor to sign a service contract with IMEC, and payments are processed quarterly).