

### Statistics for the participation of SMEs in 5G PPP Call ICT-18-2018

Thanks to a new portal made available by the European Commission<sup>1</sup>, information on the participation of SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> call related to Phase 3 of the 5G PPP i.e. Call ICT-18-2018 could be calculated.

In terms of budget, the total cost of the selected projects amounts to 64.3 M€ (49.25 M€ EU contribution). The net contribution from the EC to SMEs is 5.85 M€. **The share of SMEs in budget in the selected projects is 11.9% in terms of EU contribution, and 9.1% when compared with the total cost.**

In terms of number of participants, there is a total of 107 participants in the selected projects (104 unique participants), including 16 SMEs. **The share of SMEs in number of participants in the selected projects is 15%.**

**The share of SMEs in budget in the selected ICT-18-2018 projects is 11.9% of the net EU contribution, and 9.1% of the total cost. It is merely half of the minimum threshold of 20% that is a KPI of the 5G PPP. A major effort should be made in the upcoming calls to increase significantly the share of SMEs in the 5G PPP.**

No figure has been made available by the EC for the proposal stage.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dashboard/hub/stream/aaec8d41-5201-43ab-809f-3063750dfafd>.