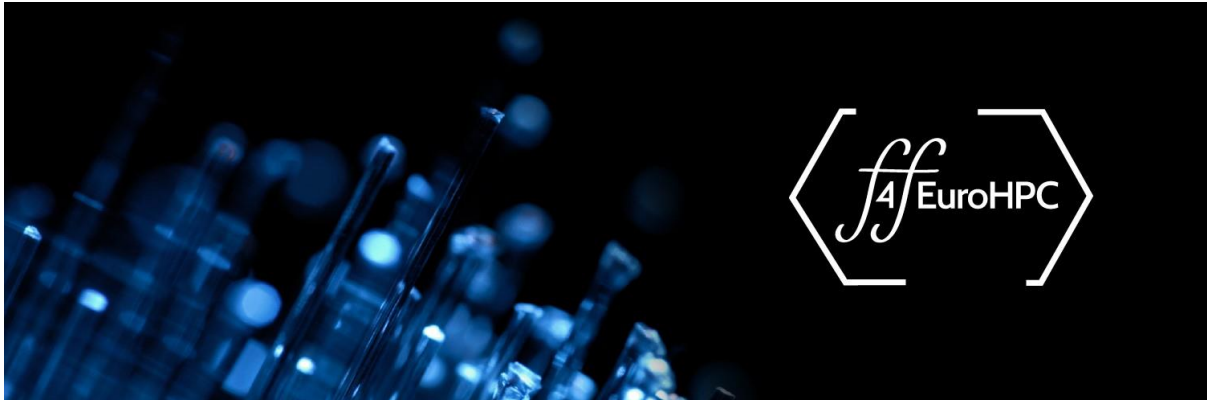


SMEs wanting to benefit from the use of advanced HPC services are now invited to submit proposals to the first FF4EuroHPC Open Call!



The **FF4EuroHPC project** started at the beginning of September 2020. **As a part of the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking**, under the auspices of the European Commission's **Horizon 2020 program**, has been awarded a three-year grant of EUR 9.9 million to start a new European consortium, called FF4EuroHPC.

The key concept behind FF4EuroHPC is **to demonstrate to European SMEs ways to optimize their performance with the use of advanced HPC (High Performance Computing) services** (e.g., modelling & simulation, data analytics, machine-learning and AI, and possibly combinations thereof) and thereby take advantage of these innovative ICT solutions for business benefit.

Two open calls will be organised by the project, with the aim to create two tranches of application experiments within diverse industry sectors. The open calls will target experiments of the highest quality, involving innovative, agile SMEs with work plans built around innovation objectives, arising from the use of advanced HPC services. Experiments present the heart of the project and will be the main outputs of FF4EuroHPC, which is a successor of the Fortissimo and Fortissimo2 projects.

Proposals are sought that address business challenges from **European SMEs** covering varied application domains, **preference being given to engineering and manufacturing, or sectors able to demonstrate fast economic growth or particular economic impact for Europe**. Priority will be given to consortia centred on SMEs that are new to the use of advanced HPC services.

The first Open Call **was opened on 2nd November 2020 and will be closed on 27th January 2021**.

More information is provided on the project webpage www.ff4eurohpc.eu.