

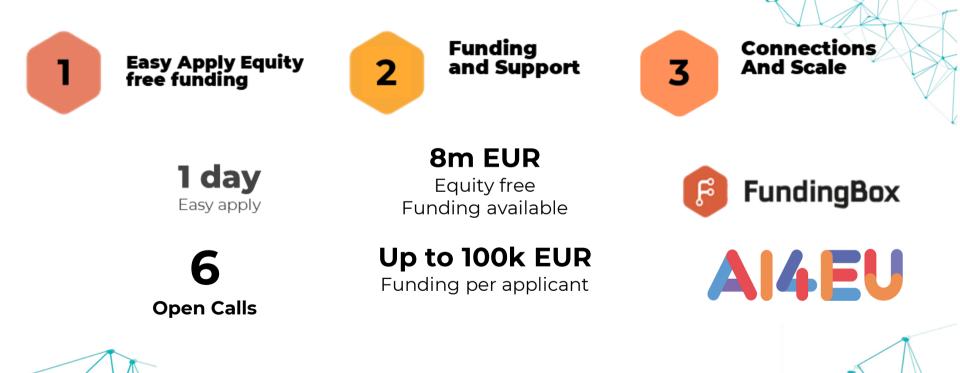
# OpenCalls for Al

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## Why you should apply to Open Call?







### **Open Calls** (Coming Soon)

#### Al on-demand platform https://www.ai4europe.eu/ @AI4EU





#3 Open Call for Use-Cases

Open June/July 2022

Experiments Open in September 2022



STAIRWAL

#2 Open Call for developing new services on top of existing technologies (MVPs) Open in October 2022

#2 Open Call for Pilots Open in December 2022

#2 Open Call for AI Solution Adopters Open in March 2023

in https://www.dih4ai.eu/

Coming Soon

i) i-nergy **BONSAPPS** https://i-nergy.eu/ https://bonsapps.eu/

copernicus https://ai4copernicus-project.eu/

AIPLAN https://www.aiplan4eu-project.eu/

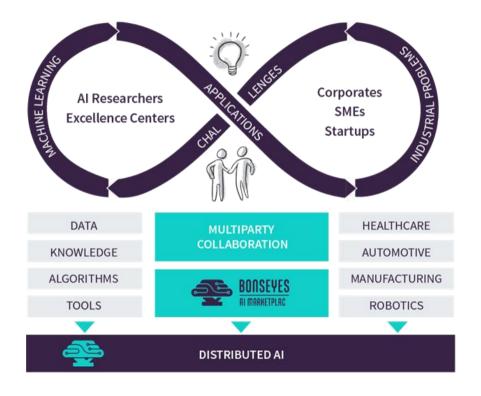
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BonsAPPs is a service layer which is continuation of the EU-funded Bonseyes project that developed **Bonseyes Marketplace.** 

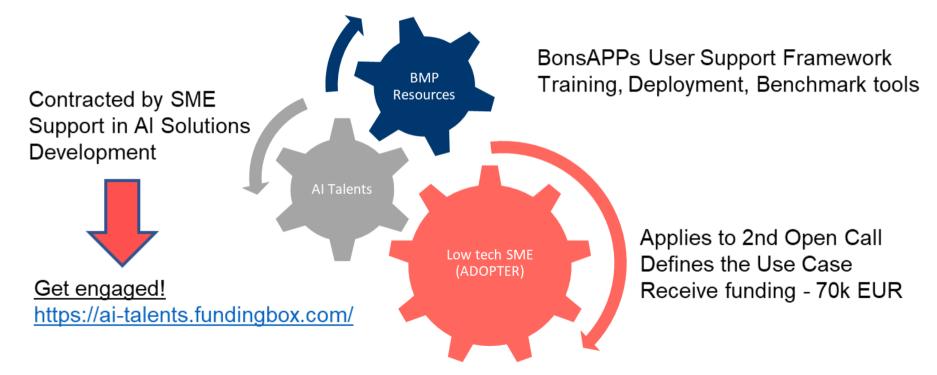
It offers a series of modular services — such as experimentation, model compression, optimisation, benchmarking, and deployment on hardware and security.

It will **increase Al usage among enterprises and low tech SMEs** which currently lack internal innovation capabilities.

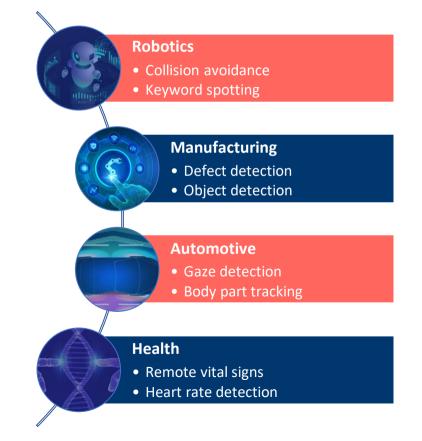


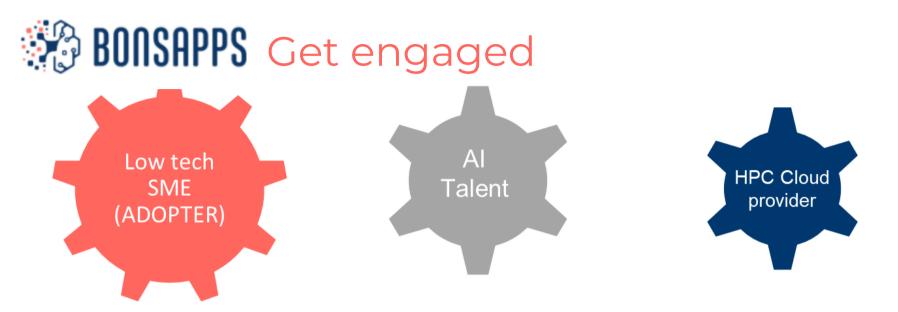
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# BONSAPPS 2nd Open Call – define your challenge





- Apply to 2nd Open Call
- Define the Use Case
- Receive funding for Al Solution Development - 70k EUR
- Submit your candidature to Eol
- Get paid for supporting SMEs in Al Solutions Development
- Become certified BMP user

- Submit your offer to Eol
- Get paid for providing services for Al Solutions Development

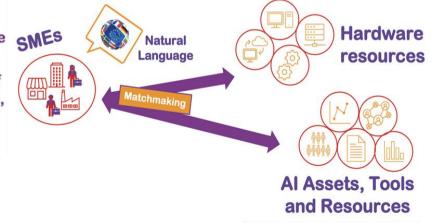
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# STARWA Project Goals

StairwAI is targeting **low-tech users** with the goal of facilitating their engagement in the AI-on-demand platform

### **New Service Layer**

- A Multi-lingual interaction layer: Users can engage with the Platform in their own language
- A horizontal matchmaking service: Automatic discovery of Al assets (tools, data sets, Al experts, consultants, papers, courses etc.) meeting the user business needs
- A vertical matchmaking service: Dimension and provide hardware resources through a proper hardware provider (HPC, Cloud and Edge infrastructures).



# STARWA Open Calls



#### StairwAI Expression of Interest

#### Eol for Al Experts

Al experts capable of supporting the Al development activities required by low-tech SMEs selected in the 1st and 2nd Open Calls.

#### **Eol for Cloud Providers**

HPC cloud providers capable of providing on-demand access to HPC clouds to lowtech SMEs selected in the 1st and 2nd Open Call.

### Apply now Next cut-off: 31st May

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## 2nd Open Call for Pilot



### Funding

Up to **€60k per beneficiary**, including:

- fixed lump-sum (up to €26k)
- up to €10k to access HPC Resources
- up to €24k for Al experts



### Type of applicants Low-tech SMEs



Type of project A use case of adoption of AI resources by low tech SME

Project addresses one of the StairwAl challenges



## What kind of support will be offered?

- 6-months Program
- Support
- Business & Technical Mentoring
- Access to AI tools and resources (vouchers)



**Deadline** October – December 2022

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Information available at <u>https://stairwai.fundingbox.com/</u>



Project Information

#### I-NERGY Grant agreement ID: 101016508

Start date 1 January 2021 End date 31 December 2023

Funded under H2020-EU.2.1.1.

Overall budget € 5 585 744,50

EU contribution

€ 4 999 844.50



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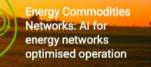
#### https://i-nergy.eu/

Reinforce the service layer of the Al-on-demand-platform in the energy sector (Al4 Energy)

Based on state-of-the-art AI and Data technologies

Boost the use of the AI4EU platform through validated services and applications, use cases and small-scale experiments and lay the foundation for pan European AI research and innovation for energy ecosystem.

Reduce AI community fragmentation by supporting the wide range of the EPES community on AI4EU while empowering cross-fertilisation activities.



Distributed Energy Resources: Al for RES generation, buildings, districts, communities Energy Efficiency and Non-energy related Services: Al enabling synergies / implications on other energy and nonenergy domains



### When? Oct - Nov 2022

### Beneficiaries: Consortia of at least 2 entities

SMEs, Startups, EPES beneficiaries, Research Institutions, other relevant stakeholders
Scope: Developing new services on top of existing technologies (Minimal Viable Products)
No experiments selected per call: 15
Funding: up to € 100K per experiment

Tech Transfer Programme Duration: 9 months

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### Open Calls Calendar2022

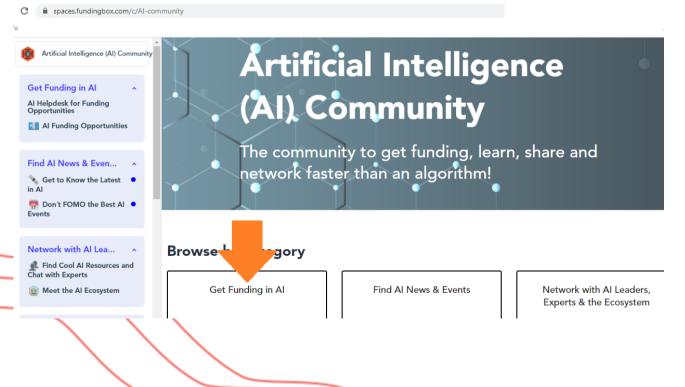






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