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Reopening of the Restricted Call for Expression of Interest for the blue MSMEs/Start-ups beneficiaries of Innovation Vouchers willing to be supported in applying for a European

Restricted to blue MSMEs/Start-ups related with Barcelona Chamber of Commerce



Foreword

In the framework of the 4helix+ project, last 16 December 2019 was published a restricted call for Expression of Interest for the blue MSMEs/Start-ups beneficiaries of Innovation Vouchers willing to be supported in applying for a European Patent which was launched 15 January 2020 and closed one-month later, 15 February 2020. Barcelona Chamber of Commerce evaluated the applications received and selected DAEVI as the blue SME that would receive the support for the EPO application. However, due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the company could not reach the deadlines and in solidarity with other SMEs that could be interested in applying for an EPO patent, DAEVI decided to resign the grant. Aiming to offer the support to other SMEs that could be interested, the call for Expression of Interest for the blue MSMEs/Start-ups beneficiaries of Innovation Vouchers willing to be supported in applying for a European Patent is being re-opened.

Call Re-opening

Since the aim of the re-opening is to offer the support to SMEs to apply for an EPO, the bases for the call are strictly the same as for the previous one, except for the following modifications:

- Patent consultant fees, EPO submission fees and any kind of eligible costs incurred to the purpose of the application for a European Patent can be dated from the moment the previous call was closed (15 February 2020) onwards.
- Interested blue SMEs/Start-ups must submit their Expression of Interest (Application Form and accompanying documents mentioned in point 9.1) for the grant related to the European Patent application starting from the 08 July 2020 and by the 15 July 2020 12:00 h (CET) Brussels time CET.
- Timetable of the restricted call for EPO application grant

Publication date	08.07.2020
Launch date	08.07.2020
Closing date	15.07.2020
Evaluation and notification of Applicants	By the 17.07.2020
Contracting Phase	By the 20.07.2020
Submission of the EPO application	By the 05.09.2020
Payment Claim Submission	By the 19.09.2020
Payment	By the 30.09.2020