

The Path to Sustainable Success

### A vast ecosystem of 1000+ enterprises and experts, fostering the EU's sustainability transformation. All we are missing is you!

The STAGE initiative, which supports businesses in their transformation to achieve economic, environmental, and social sustainability, has grown rapidly over the past few months to include:

- More than 750 industrial enterprises
- More than 500 sustainability and financial advisors

- In addition, STAGE members have access to: • 37 free training courses on sustainability and innovation for companies and advisors (and more are on the way!)
- 3 assessment tools to evaluate business performance and calculate carbon footprint.
- Various financial and investment planning tools

Register on the STAGE <u>Platform</u> now and join the ecosystem to foster partnerships, create synergies, and benefit from STAGE products and services!



## What's in it for you?

We offer:

✓ Self assessment tools for enterprises, including:

- An **initial assessment** to evaluate performance in social, innovation, governance, environmental, and economic aspects, providing a scorecard with identified weak spots and areas for improvement

- **Performance assessment** tools for detailed analysis of product engineering, Industry 4.0, production sustainability, and business strategy

- A Carbon Footprint Assessment to calculate emissions from fuel, F-gas, electricity, water consumption, waste, etc.

- An upcoming **EU Taxonomy Assessment** tool to help determine if your economic activities are classified as sustainable according to EU regulations

✓ A vast pool of sustainability and **financial experts** from across Europe to collaborate with on your sustainable transition. Connect with as many advisors as you need!

✓ A grant program providing up to **€50,000** in funding per company at different stages to support their sustainability transition. Financial support is available for preparing investment project plans and additional services needed for plan preparation.

and services to facilitate private **investments** – we will help your business find the financing it needs to grow sustainably.

✓ A suite of financial planning tools

Explore the STAGE Client Journey in detail with this dedicated **Visual Guide** 

#### The STAGE Grant Programme is a building block for your sustainability transition!

If you are an SME based in the EU or in a Horizon associated country - all you need to do is register on the STAGE Platform, match with an advisor, complete your Sustainable Transition Plan, and secure funding!

Next call will be open in the second half of 2024.

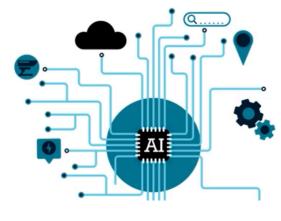
Register now and prepare everything you need to apply later.

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# The STAGE Sustainability Academy

On the STAGE Platform, you will gain free access to the STAGE Sustainability Academy! It offers training modules on innovation- and sustainability-related topics in four thematic areas. Companies and advisors can take as many courses as they wish and receive **certification** upon passing a short test at the end of each module. The programme is fully digital and decentralized, allowing you to

train at your convenience. Some of the modules included are:



**IoT** and Al-based Automation: Comprehensive exploration of IoT in industry, covering hardware selection, connectivity, and AI integration in IoT or Digital Twins.



**Advanced Robotics and Cobotics:** Overview of robots and cobots applications, specifics of deploying cobots, service robotics solutions for logistics, with practical use cases like logistics optimization and innovative robotic welding.



Waste Management, Minimisation, and Strategy: Focuses on EU waste framework, key legislation, and development of waste management and minimisation techniques.



**Attracting Sustainable Investments**: Practical aspects of preparing a sustainable investment case for companies undergoing sustainabilityrelated transformations.

## Fifth Consortium Meeting, Workshop, and More...

On April 9th and 10th, the 5th STAGE Consortium meeting was held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Partners discussed current progress, opportunities to increase the programme's impact, and future tasks and activities.

On the second day, a workshop was organized for stakeholders to explore the benefits of STAGE.



In November 2023 STAGE participated in the **ECOMONDO** - a highly anticipated event that brought together all sectors of the circular economy at the Antwerp Expo in Rimini, Italy.

Thomas Chalatsis (Project Manager, IED) and Eleonora Ivanova (CEO, BRCCI), who are also some of the key people behind STAGE, presented the programme at the event, showcasing the range of the STAGE features and business opportunities.



What's next? **STAGE will be present at the EUSEW**, one of the largest events for sustainable solutions in Europe, from June 11th to 13th in Brussels - find out more here and come visit us in person!

We will also host an online workshop for companies and advisors on June 28th, where you can learn all about the benefits STAGE provides. Stay updated for more

information. Check out the latest STAGE Flyer!

Keep an eye on the STAGE <u>website</u> and LinkedIn page for news and updates.

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