

EUMINAFab opens 5th Call

EUMINAFab: the European Research Infrastructure for multimaterial micro and nano fabrication and characterization opens the 5th call for no fee access to 37 installations containing equipment to high end micro and nano technologies.

Researchers from both research and industry based in EU member or associated states may apply for access to one or more of the 37 installations based at our partner sites across Europe. Proposals are subject to Peer review; and are intended for publication by the users. EUMINAFab is funded by European Commission FP7 Capacities programme which covers the cost of the transnational user access.

Started in March 2009, EUMINAFab has been demonstrated 17 successfully projects by February 2011. 13% still need to be evaluated at this point of time. With a successful evaluation rate of about 70% of the proposed applications, the acceptance for user project is very high. The last EUMINAFab call was followed by 14 proposals.

EUMINAFab offers to users a comprehensive technology profile that is unique even on a global scale.

It captures technologies of Micronano Patterning, Thin Film Deposition, Replication and Characterisation. While the Micronano Patterning technologies seem to be the most attractive ones so far, there are still open resources in the other technologies, especially in Thin Film Deposition.

We were pleased to see that the new installation Nano Imprint Lithography, launched at TEKNIKER, could be successfully integrated in the variety of technologies that were asked for by our users.

Four steps to submit a proposal:

- 1. Draft your ideas**
- 2. Check our technologies**
- 3. Talk to our experts & varify your ideas**
- 4. Prepare the proposal & submit**

Please see our Portal www.euminafab.eu for details of the offered technologies and download a copy of our user guidelines. Also for questions concerning the application you will find broad information on the website.

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As there is excellent and close cooperation with the European Technology Platform "MINAM" we would kindly ask you to take part at the MINAM 2011 Survey. For all users and manufacturers of micro nano technology a unique opportunity to express their interest in this still challenging and growing key technology can be provided. Your feedback will build the cornerstone for MINAM contribution to prepare the "Horizon 2020" framework → <http://minam.eu/survey2011>