



SME Cluster Growth is running two programmes for engineering-focused SMEs and universities to work together, increase understanding and develop strategic long-term partnerships.

OPTION 01

SME GROWTH STUDENT CONSULTANCY

The Student Consultancy Scheme is a semester-long programme that gives postgraduate and undergraduate students the opportunity to address an existing problem or challenge within an SME.

Who can join? The consultancy is open to **engineering-focused SMEs** who will be paired with postgraduate and undergraduate students from six project partner universities in Spain, Italy, Ireland, Turkey, and France.

OPTION 02

CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE PROGRAMME

The Change of Perspective programme brings academics in the six partner universities together with SME professionals to exchange workplaces for a working day to experience a different environment.

Who can join? Academics from six partner universities and business professionals from partner SMEs in Spain, Italy, Ireland, Turkey and France.

How SMEs can benefit:

- Access to postgraduate and undergraduate student expertise
- Help to address existing problems or challenges to growth within their business
- Opportunity to establish a partnership with a university
- Access to a future talent pool
- Gain insight into how universities operate to inform collaboration

How universities can benefit:

- Gives students access to real-world business challenges to problem solve
- Offers students from multiple disciplines exposure to an SME environment
- Develops relationships between universities and SMEs
- Can be integrated into graduate and undergraduate study programmes
- Gain deeper insights into the working systems of an SME

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