



EU Industry Days 2022

Dear Madam / Sir,

On behalf of the European Commission, we are happy to announce that the 2022 edition of the [EU Industry Days](#) entitled “Unlocking the future: EU industrial ecosystems on the path to the green and digital transition” will take place from 08th to the 11th of February and the [registrations are already open!](#)

With the 2022 edition, we aspire to stimulate discussions across industrial ecosystems on their green and digital transition, in order to further support and strengthen the resilience of EU industries and SMEs. The programme will include a session designed for creative and innovative small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups that rely on intellectual property protection.

The meet-the-expert-session entitled “**New SME Fund - Intellectual property voucher for post-Covid-19 recovery and green and digital transitions**” is scheduled for **11 February 2022 at 12:45-13:30**.

The European Commission and the European Union Intellectual Property Office launched a €47 million fund to protect intellectual property of EU SME. This new grant scheme aims at supporting SMEs in the **Covid-19 recovery** and **green** and **digital transitions**. Through a quick and easy application process, each SME can **save up to EUR 2 250**. The fund offers **partial reimbursements of trade mark, design and patent application fees** as well as **IP Scan** services for 2022-2024. The IP Scan service can help companies identify their intellectual property assets and gives advice on how to protect these assets. If you are an EU-based SME or start-up, join the session and learn about this new funding opportunity.

The European Union Intellectual Property Office will manage the SME IP Fund through calls for proposals. The first call is available here:

<https://euipo.europa.eu/ohimportal/en/online-services/sme-fund>

In order to ensure fair and equal treatment of potential beneficiaries as well as safeguarding an efficient management of the action, the application for grants will be open throughout the period 2022-2024. The applications will be examined and evaluated based on a “first in first out” criterion. If you are an EU SME, join the session and learn about this new funding opportunity.



We look forward to your participation!

Kind regards,