

# ReMade@ARI Terms of Use – ReMade-SME

In the framework of **ReMade@ARI**, access is being offered to more than 50 very different research infrastructures, located in a multitude of European countries, having diverse legal forms and funding schemes, and being subject to different national regulations. For this reason, it is impossible to present one common set of regulations, constituting the Terms of Use applicable to all ARI facilities.

Instead, users are requested to acknowledge the specific Terms of Use, respectively Terms and Conditions of Access, in place at the facilities to which access has been granted.

However, there are some overarching provisions that need to be respected irrespective of the actual research infrastructures that will be used.

The SME companies applying for industrial access to **ReMade@ARI** are required to accept the following Terms of Use

### 1. Preparation phase and general information

Prior to proposal submission it is strongly recommended that the company consults with the industrial contact points of the facilities. An updated list of the contact details can be found in the **ReMade@ARI** Industry and Innovation page.

Only companies considered as SMEs according to the <u>EU definition</u> can request access to the facilities participating in ReMade-SME.

Proposals should address circular economy projects in areas such as: Plastics; Food, Water and Nutrients; Electronics and ICT; Textiles; Packaging; Construction and Buildings; Batteries and Vehicles.

The service access to ReMade-SME facilities will be based on the submission of a proposal by the company and their partners in reply to specific calls for proposals opened through the <a href="mailto:single-entry portal">single-entry portal</a> created by <a href="mailto:ReMade@ARI">ReMade@ARI</a>.

The ReMade-SME proposals must be submitted via this <u>ARIA portal</u> and must contain the information requested. This comprises in particular the project description, the type of samples to be measured, the innovation potential, and the expected impact of the project.

**Proposal evaluation will be performed on a continuous basis** to minimize the response time to the companies. **Only one proposal per company and per call** will be accepted. If a proposal has been rejected, it can be rewritten and resubmitted in reply to the same call for proposals. For a particular project, only one proposal can be accepted and realised, except in very well justified cases, in which the submission of a second proposal for a further step in the implementation of the project, may be approved.

The selected facility or facilities will validate the technical feasibility of the proposal. If more than one facility is selected, each facility will validate the technical feasibility.

The proposals will preferentially be assigned to the main facility stated on the proposal. However, the choice of a particular facility in no way implies a commitment or obligation of the facility to actually realise the project at their site. **ReMade@ARI** reserves the right to assign a facility different from the company's preference according to feasibility checks and the internal rules of the facilities.

An independent panel of experts will evaluate the proposals according to the established evaluation criteria: the scientific merit, the product or service innovation, and the potential impact of the proposal.



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#### 2. Experiment phase

If approved, the SME and the facility will discuss the proposal details for an optimum experiment design. A non-disclosure agreement can be signed between the company and the facility, if required.

An access form will be issued by the facility through the ARIA portal considering the estimated time required to carry out the experiments and works for the realisation of the proposal.

Experiments can be carried out in-person or remotely, based on a mail-in or remote procedure. In that case, the company will send the sample(s) in a timely manner and in accordance with all instructions from the facility.

The experiments and work will be carried out following the access rules of the facilities. Refusal to follow those regulations may imply the termination of the service.

At the conclusion of the service the company will receive the experiment results containing the information agreed between the company and the facility.

### 3. Follow-up and obligations

The information on the proposal and experiment will be treated as confidential. The experimental results obtained at the facilities under the present **ReMade@ARI** service access shall be owned by the SME and no publication of the results is required.

However, as the works performed are supported by the **ReMade@ARI** project, which is funded by the European Union, the companies shall grant the ReMade-SME facilities the right to disseminate their names, a short background of the company and a brief summary of the performed experiment, without confidential information.

Therefore, directly after completion of the experiments, users are requested to provide the publishable summary as well as to fill and submit a *User Feedback form* following instructions received via the **ReMade@ARI** portal. Failure to submit these documentations can prevent the evaluation of any further proposal for access to **ReMade@ARI** facilities.

If a publication is sought for, companies are strongly encouraged to provide open access to the publications resulting from the research supported through **ReMade@ARI**. Choosing gold open access journals should be considered whenever possible.

Companies are obliged to acknowledge support from **ReMade@ARI** by the following text string that needs to be literally included into any dissemination action resulting from the proposal (peer-review articles, conferences, book chapters):

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### 4. Reimbursement

The costs of the agreed services are borne by **ReMade@ARI** in full or in part, depending on each **ReMade@ARI** partner's legal requirement. The rest may be invoiced to the SME. This commitment does not preclude the need to follow other formalities required by the facility.

I declare that I have read and fully understood the applicable ReMade@ARI Terms of Use. I also declare that I agree to be bound by all terms, conditions, and obligations contained therein, of the access route selected during the application.