

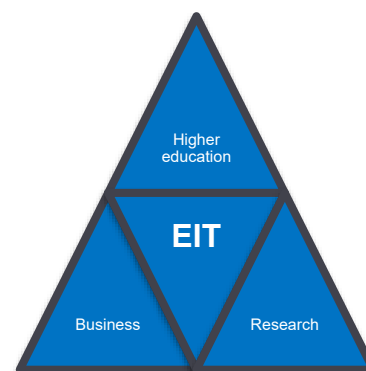
European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

What is the EIT?

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an EU body based in Budapest, Hungary, which aims to enhance Europe's ability to innovate by nurturing entrepreneurial talent and supporting new ideas. Its mission is to contribute to European competitiveness, sustainable economic growth and job creation by promoting and strengthening synergies and cooperation among businesses, education institutions and research organisations. It also aims to create favourable environments for creative thought to enable world-class innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive in Europe.

To achieve its mission, the EIT creates Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs). These bring together the 'knowledge triangle' of business, education and research to form partnerships, to carry out activities that cover the entire innovation chain, including training, education and business incubation programmes, promoting the journey from research to market.

Each KIC is formed through a call for proposals and operates as a separate legal entity from the EIT through co-location centres across Europe. Nine KICs have been established so far, each focusing on a different area of research:



- **EIT Climate-KIC (2010)**

Aims to help build a zero-carbon economy and a climate-resilient society. Focuses on the four themes of Urban Transitions, Sustainable Production Systems, Decision Metrics & Finance and Sustainable Land Use.

- **EIT Digital (2010)**

Aims to accelerate the market uptake of digital and information and communication technologies. Focuses on the four digital transformations of Digital Wellbeing, Digital Industry, Digital City and Digital Infrastructure.

- **EIT InnoEnergy (2010)**

Aims to drive innovation and entrepreneurship in sustainable energy. Focuses on the seven themes of Clean Coal and Gas Technologies, Energy Storage, Energy Efficiency, Energy from Chemical Fuels, Renewable Energies, Smart and Efficient Buildings and Cities and Sustainable Nuclear and Renewable Convergence.

- **EIT Health (2014)**

Aims to develop innovations in healthy living and active ageing. Focuses on the three themes of Promoting Healthy Living, Supporting Active Ageing and Improving Healthcare.

- **EIT Raw Materials (2014)**

Aims to turn the challenge of raw materials dependence into a strategic strength for Europe, through sustainable exploration, extraction, processing, recycling and substitution.

- **EIT Food (2016)**

Aims to develop sustainable supply chains from resources to consumers. Focuses on the six themes of Overcoming Low Consumer Trust, Creating Consumer-Valued Food, Building

a Consumer-Centric Connected Food System, Enhancing Sustainability, Education, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

- **EIT Urban Mobility (2018)**

Aims to accelerate solutions that improve our collective use of urban spaces, while ensuring accessible, convenient, safe, efficient, sustainable and affordable multimodal mobility. It also hopes to reimagine collective and individual mobility, shaping it according to local needs, supporting communities and stimulating the economy.

- **EIT Manufacturing (2018)**

Aims to bring European manufacturing actors together in innovation ecosystems that add unique value to European products, processes, and services – and inspire the creation of globally competitive and sustainable manufacturing.

- **EIT Culture and Creativity (2022)**

Aims to inspire and facilitate collaborative innovation in the Cultural and Creative Sectors and Industries. From culture to communities, creatives to capital, small and large entrepreneurs to markets, and imagination to technology, EIT Culture & Creativity strengthens innovation and powers Europe's green and digital transformation.

What will be funded under Horizon Europe?

The EIT will receive approximately €3 billion from the Horizon Europe budget between 2021-2027.

The EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda includes the creation of two new KICs under Horizon Europe, with the first one – launched in 2022 – focusing on cultural and creative industries. The second will address the 'Marine' research area, with a call for its formation due to be launched in 2025.

EIT will strengthen its networks, involving more higher education institutions, businesses and research organisations by developing regional outreach strategies. KICs will also develop links to Smart Specialisation Strategies, an EU initiative to spur economic growth and job creation by enabling each region to identify and develop its competitive advantages.

The EIT has set a target to support 750 higher education institutions with funding, expertise and coaching over the next programming period. The Institute will design and launch activities, particularly in countries with a lower innovation capacity.

Relevant EU policy areas and developments

KICs will develop links to [Smart Specialisation Strategies](#), an EU initiative to spur economic growth and job creation by enabling each region to identify and develop its competitive advantages. The Institute will design and launch activities, particularly in countries with a lower innovation capacity. The EIT is also expected to contribute to the objectives of the [New European Innovation Agenda](#).

EIT Hub UK

In 2024, the EIT launched a 'hub' for EIT activity in the UK. ['EIT Hub UK'](#) is an outreach location which aims to create synergies between the EIT community and the UK innovation ecosystem to support the growth of innovative startups and increase the numbers of EU – UK collaborative projects together with the EIT Knowledge Innovation Communities (KICs). The main activities of all the KICs include entrepreneurship education, innovation-driven projects, and business creation services.

Activities in 2024/2025

EIT KIC	Type of Opportunity	Opportunity	Deadline	Eligible countries	Link
EIT Global Outreach	Business Creation & Acceleration	EIT Global Outreach: Empowering Startups To Scale Globally Through Real-World Validation	2024-08-21	Any Country	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	Inspire - Circular Agrifood	2024-08-22	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Digital	Education	EIT Digital Summer School 2024	2024-08-23	Any Country	Link to opportunity
EIT Health	Business Creation & Acceleration	EIT Health Catapult	2024-08-29	EU Member States	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	RIS Inspire - Sustainable Food Production and Consumption	2024-08-31	EIT RIS Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	WE Lead Food 2024	2024-09-01	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Manufacturing	Information Session	Info sessions on EIT Manufacturing Accelerate	2024-09-09	EU Member States & HE Associated Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT Digital	Business Creation	EIT Digital Speed Master 2024 - Executive Course	2024-09-10	Any Country	Link to opportunity
EIT	Events & Webinars	Upcoming EIT Water Call Info Session: Innovating with the EIT and creating a new partnership	2024-09-18	Any country	Link to opportunity
EIT Health	All types	EIT Health Flagships Call 2024	2024-09-18	EU Member States, HE Associated Countries, Low & Middle income non-associated Third	Link to opportunity

EIT KIC	Type of Opportunity	Opportunity	Deadline	Eligible countries	Link
				Countries; Switzerland	
EIT	Events & Webinars	Upcoming EIT Water Call Info Session: Key EIT activities - Education, Innovation, and Business Creation	2024-09-25	Any country	Link to opportunity
EIT & EIC	Awards & Prizes	2025 European Prize for Women Innovators	2024-09-25	EU Member States; HE Associated Countries.	Link to opportunity
EIT Climate-KIC	Innovation Projects & Support	2024 edition of the European Innovation Procurement Awards (EUPIA).	2024-09-26	EU Member States, Horizon Europe Associated Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT Urban Mobility	Call for specialists	Regional Innovation Scheme Urban Mobility Specialists (RISUMS) Open Call 2025	2024-09-30	EIT RIS Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT	Events & Webinars	Upcoming EIT Water Call Info Session: Nuts and bolts of the EIT granting model	2024-10-02	Any country	Link to opportunity
EIT Climate-KIC	Innovation support & projects	New European Bauhaus (NEB): Connect NEB and Co-create NEB	2024-10-10	;#EU Member State & Horizon Europe Associated Countries;#	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Events & Webinars	EIT Food Next Bite 2024: Building the future of food together	2024-10-16	EIT Food Community	Link to opportunity
EIT Digital	Business Creation	EIT Digital Open Innovation Factory	2024-10-24	EU Member States & Associated Countries	Link to opportunity

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EIT Food	Education & Training	Inspire - Restorative Aquaculture	2024-10-25	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	Inspire - Digital Technologies in the Food System	2024-10-25	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	RIS Inspire - Deep Tech in Regenerative Agriculture	2024-10-25	All	Link to opportunity
EIT	Open vacancies	2024 Governing Board members call	2024-10-28	Any country	Link to opportunity
EIT Manufacturing	Business Creation & Acceleration	Transform 2024	2024-10-29	EU Member States; HE Associated Countries; Low & Middle income Third Countries (Not Associated to HE)	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	Inspire. Explore. Compete.	2024-11-30	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Education & Training	Pathways to Impact for PhDs	2024-12-02	All	Link to opportunity
EIT Manufacturing	Education & Training	Call for proposals for new Higher Education Institutions to join Master and Doctoral Schools	2024-12-05	EU Member States, HE Associated Countries & certain middle & low income countries	Link to opportunity
EIT Manufacturing	Business Creation & Acceleration	EIT Manufacturing Accelerate	2024-12-16	EU Member States & HE Associated Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT InnoEnergy	Innovation	Open call for sustainable energy solutions with EIT InnoEnergy	2024-12-31	Any Country	Link to opportunity
EIT InnoEnergy	Business Creation	Open call for sustainable energy solutions with EIT InnoEnergy	2024-12-31	Any Country	Link to opportunity

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EIT InnoEnergy	Education	Application Process for Master School	2024-12-31	All countries	Link to opportunity
EIT	Matchmaking	EIT Water Networking platform	2025-06-30	Any country	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	All	EIT Food Impact Funding Framework	2025-09-01	EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries	Link to opportunity
EIT Food	Business Creation & Acceleration	AMPLE Programm	2025-09-30	Madrid	Link to opportunity

More information

Official websites:

- [EIT website](#)
- [EIT Climate-KIC](#)
- [EIT Digital](#)
- [EIT InnoEnergy](#)
- [EIT Health](#)
- [EIT Raw Materials](#)
- [EIT Food](#)
- [EIT Urban Mobility](#)
- [EIT Manufacturing](#)
- [EIT Culture & Creativity](#)
- [Potential Future EIT thematic areas](#)
- [EIT Hub UK](#)

Horizon Europe's legal basis:

- [Regulation establishing Horizon Europe](#)
- [Decision establishing the Specific Programme of Horizon Europe](#)
- [First Strategic Plan for Horizon Europe \(2021-2024\)](#)