

# Business Plan 2021 – 2022

## Call for proposals: **Pre-accelerator in Ukraine – powered by EIT JumpStarter**

EIT MANUFACTURING- VERSION FINAL

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# Abbreviations

|      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| BP   | Business Plan                      |
| IER  | Individual Evaluation Report       |
| KIC  | Knowledge and Innovation Community |
| KPIs | Key Performance Indicators         |
| MGA  | Model Grant Agreement              |
| RIS  | Regional Innovation Scheme         |
| ESR  | Evaluation Summary Report          |
| SO   | Strategic Objectives               |

## Key words

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Activity</b>           | Everything that EIT Manufacturing does is organized into Activities. Each Activity belongs to one Segment, each Segment to one Area. Each Activity should contribute to the integration of the knowledge triangle of innovation, education and business creation, including the establishment, administrative and coordination activities of the KICs, and contributing to the overall objectives of the EIT  |
| <b>Area</b>               | EIT defines several areas in which it operates: Education; Innovation and Research; Entrepreneurship; Communication, Dissemination and Outreach; Regional Innovation Scheme; and Management and Coordination.   |
| <b>Business Plan</b>      | The document specifying the detailed plan of EIT Manufacturing for the upcoming years. Based on the draft Business Plan submitted in September (and some other criteria) EIT decides on the budget available to EIT Manufacturing in the following years. The Business Plan will then be adjusted to match the assigned budget and forms the basis for the internal activity agreements of EIT Manufacturing with its partners.   |
| <b>Call for Proposals</b> | The call is the instrument used to allocate grant funding by EIT Manufacturing to consortia of organizations, individuals, or third parties to support the deployment and development of the Strategic Agenda through activities. EIT Manufacturing uses two types of calls: (1) general call aligned with the corresponding Business Plan (BP). This type of call involves all Thematic Areas of EIT Manufacturing (before the year of BP implementation), and (2) ad-hoc call, normally involving only one Thematic Area, which aims to complete or balance the portfolio outlined in the respective BP, through the allocation of the non-committed budget of the BP or the allocation of additional funding not initially included in the respective BP (during the year of the BP implementation). |
| <b>Call Guidelines</b>    | Document where the terms, conditions, and criteria of any call for proposals are defined and stated according to the principles of transparency, equal treatment, open competition, and sound procedural management.  |
| <b>Call Report</b>        | Document summarising the results of the call and its most important outputs, including the ranking list.  |
| <b>CLC</b>                | Co-Location Centre / affiliate of EIT Manufacturing   |

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| <b>EIT Core KPIs</b>                | Set of indicators defined by the EIT that reflects the EIT operational objectives for education, entrepreneurship, and innovation. These KPIs are used to measure how effectively a consortium is meeting the objectives of the EIT  |
| <b>Evaluation Process</b>           | Process by which EIT Manufacturing examines the quality of a proposal to decide if it should receive EIT funding.  |
| <b>Evaluation results list</b>      | List of proposals in order of scoring, based on the evaluation process results.  |
| <b>Evaluation Summary Report</b>    | Following the completion of the evaluation process, a final Evaluation Summary Report is made for each proposal, summarising the strengths, weaknesses, risks, and commercial and social value of the proposal. It is an expert deliverable drafted by the rapporteur and reflecting the expert consensus on a specific proposal.  |
| <b>Individual Evaluation Report</b> | Applications to the calls are assessed individually by external expert evaluators according to the terms and criteria stated in the call for proposals' text. Each evaluator issues individual reports for each eligible application.  |
| <b>KIC</b>                          | 'Knowledge and Innovation Community' – EIT Manufacturing is one of now 9 KICs that operates under the regulations of EIT.<br>'Knowledge and Innovation Community' or 'KIC' means a large-scale Institutionalised European Partnership, as referred to in Regulation (EU) 2021/695, of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the innovation process in the form of a strategic network, regardless of its legal form, based on joint mid- to long-term innovation planning to meet the EIT challenges and contribute to attaining the objectives established under Regulation (EU) 2021/695. |
| <b>KIC Specific KPIs</b>            | Set of indicators defined by EIT Manufacturing that reflects the societal challenge that the KIC is addressing.  |
| <b>Model Grant Agreement</b>        | Model Grant Agreement is used in Horizon Europe programme financed by the European Commission.   |
| <b>Pillar</b>                       | Used as a synonym of Area  |
| <b>Rapporteur</b>                   | Member of the evaluation panel who facilitates the discussion during the consensus meeting by synthesizing the individual evaluations of the panel experts and writing the minutes and the evaluation summary report including the evaluation results for each proposal as per the conclusions of the panel.   |

# 1. Call summary

**Disclaimer:** this document provides the applicants with detailed information on the **Pre-accelerator in Ukraine – powered by EIT JumpStarter**. The information given is subject to revision, according to new potential rules or requirements provided by EIT and/or by the EC.

| Call for Proposals - Main Features           |  |
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| Dates  | <p><i>Call opening:</i> 28th September 2022 at 17.00.</p> <p><i>Call closing:</i> 19th October 2022 at 23:59 CET.</p> <p><i>Eligibility and admissibility check:</i> 21st October 2022.</p> <p><i>Evaluation of proposals:</i> 25th October 2022.</p> <p><i>Communication of results:</i> 25th October 2022.</p> |
| Total Budget allocated to this call          | 38.500,00 euros. (2.000,00 euros in the form of lump sum contribution for 11 applicants plus 16.500,00 euros in the form of prizes for the best 3 applicants).   |
| Link to the submission portal                | <a href="https://eitjumpstarter.eu/eit-jumpstarter-ua-registration-form/">https://eitjumpstarter.eu/eit-jumpstarter-ua-registration-form/</a>  |
| List of documents to be submitted            | Application form available on the portal   |
| List of documents to take into consideration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.</li> <li>• EIT Manufacturing Strategic Agenda.</li> <li>• Appeal procedure.</li> </ul>  |
| Short summary of the topics to be addressed  | EIT Manufacturing organizes the “Pre-accelerator in Ukraine – powered by EIT JumpStarter” programme (“Programme”), an innovation contest aiming to reach out, identify and support the best ideas from researchers and professionals with a potential impact in their respective sector.                         |

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| <b>Evaluation criteria</b> | <p><i>Evaluation criteria assessed by independent experts:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Excellence, novelty, and innovation.</li><li>2. Impact and financial sustainability.</li><li>3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation, including sound financial management.</li><li>4. Strategic fit.</li></ol> |
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## 2. General conditions

### 2.1 EIT Manufacturing mission and strategic objectives

#### Mission

EIT Manufacturing will put Europe at the centre of a global revolution and boost manufacturing innovation in Europe by connecting people with skills, technologies with markets, and innovators with investors. Technological progress is now exponential, and it is changing the industrial, social and competitive landscape faster than ever before. Our aim is not only to adapt to this revolution, but to lead it. To do so, we need to overcome value network fragmentation and bring stakeholders together. We need to make better use of our knowledge and our strengths to create value and deploy agile mechanisms to accelerate and steer innovation, shaping the future role of manufacturing in our society. With the needs, concerns and ideas of economy and society at its core, the mission of EIT Manufacturing is to empower its partners and stakeholders to fundamentally transform the manufacturing system and meet the global demands of present and future generations. Activities of EIT Manufacturing are aimed towards achieving the strategic objectives of the Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC). Call for proposals will be solicited through an open and transparent call process. This document describes the goals and the process of the call.

All activities of EIT Manufacturing serve the purpose of targeting four focus areas – its flagships – to help solve the most pressing challenges for a greener and more competitive European manufacturing and society.

- **Flexible Production Systems for Competitive Manufacturing.** Emerging technologies enable almost limitless flexibility in product design and production, allowing full customisation.
- **Low Environmental Footprint Systems & Circular Economy for Green Manufacturing.** Using new technology to minimise use of resources, energy, and material in production systems enables new circular business models.
- **Digital & Collaborative Solutions for Innovative Manufacturing Ecosystems.** Collaboration and business on digital platforms and value networks enables companies to create new and highly efficient value chains.
- **Human-machine co-working for socially sustainable manufacturing.** Smart use of automation and robots enables great workplaces, flexible production, and

Further details on the strategic focus of the Regional Innovation Scheme Thematic Pillars are given in Section 3.

### Strategic objectives

Five strategic objectives (SOs), as set out in the Strategic Agenda 2021-2027, which steer our activities and ambitions, and will help respond to major challenges shared by the manufacturing industry and society as a whole

- SO1 - Competitive Manufacturing Skills and Social Sustainability
- SO2 - Powerful Manufacturing Innovation Ecosystems
- SO3 - Globally competitive and resilient manufacturing
- SO4 - Environmentally sustainable manufacturing
- SO5 - Manufacturing fit for the Digital Age

## 2.2 Knowledge triangle integration

EIT Manufacturing aims to promote solid partnerships of European education, research and business entities (the 3 sides of the Knowledge Triangle), either in the composition of the activities partnerships or in the expected impact of the activities results.

## 3. Call specific conditions

### 3.1 Call thematic and expected results

#### Purpose

EIT Manufacturing organizes the “*Pre-accelerator in Ukraine – powered by EIT JumpStarter*” programme (“Programme”), an innovation contest aiming to reach out, identify and support ideas from researchers and professionals with a potential impact in their respective sector. EIT Jumpstarter is an award-winning pre-accelerator brought to life by six Knowledge and Innovation Communities of the EIT in a project led by EIT Health.

**The Programme aims to provide access to entrepreneurial educational programs and financial support to Ukrainian individuals and teams of individuals that have a cross-sectorial, deep-tech or industry idea/solution. Priority will be given to Manufacturing-related thematic proposals.**

The Programme has the final aim of contributing to a sustainable reconstruction of the country, and potentially trigger a major technology and innovation leap.

The selected applicants will have access to a very selective training and mentoring that will provide them the needed expertise for business modelling and validation of their business idea.

#### Topic description

This Programme is divided into several phases:

- **Phase 1: Submission of ideas and selection to the Online Bootcamps.**

**The application deadline for the Programme is 19th October 2022 23:59 CET.** Application should be done by filling the [online application form](#). The applicants should put an emphasis on: the innovative concept, what is unique in their technology, the development stage of their idea, the team description, explaining the need the innovation solves, and current challenges of the team.

The submitted applications will be assessed by a team of experts (details of evaluation is given in section 5 of this document). A maximum of 11 teams will be selected to participate in the Programme.

A reserve list of eligible applicants will be prepared. Should a selected applicant resign from participation in the Programme, the applicant with the highest score from the reserve list shall be invited to participate.

If the number of eligible applications (fulfilling the selection criteria and submitted before the deadline) is lower than the number of available places in the Bootcamps, the deadline for applications may be extended one week extra. In such a case additional recruitment of participants will be launched and carried on until all places are taken. The selection for the remaining vacant places will be held separately upon the same criteria as for the initial one.

- **Phase 2: Online Bootcamps and coaching.**

The aim of the “Online Bootcamp” training is to deliver the fundamental qualitative and quantitative skills of developing a business case for an entrepreneurial idea; as well as knowledge on pitching the business case in order to get investor funding. Focus areas: pitch deck development and identification of areas for further development and validation of the key modeling assumptions.

Bootcamps will be organized online between 1<sup>st</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The length of this stage is approximately 15 hours.

Bootcamps are composed of online modules and learning group meetings where participants will be supported with expert coaching to master the different topics while interacting, networking and learning from the fellow teams.

Furthermore, teams will have the possibility to receive individual mentoring from industry experts between 10<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Attendance of the team in to the Online Bootcamp is mandatory to proceed and pitch at the Online Pitch Day.

- **Phase 3: Online Pitch Day.**

After the Online Bootcamps, teams will pitch their business ideas at an online, Pitch Day in on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (TBC).

The teams will pitch their ideas in an online event in front of an expert Jury. Teams will have the possibility to answer the jury’s questions. Based on their pitches and answers, 3 winners will be selected by the Jury and awarded:

1st prize: 7.500 euros; 2nd prize: 5.500 euros; 3rd prize: 3.500 euros.

## 3.2 Core KPIs

The activity contributes to the EIT Core KPIs EITHE08: Participants in (non-degree) education and training: Minimum target 11. The KPIs will be reported by EIT Manufacturing.

## 3.3 Proposal Duration

The duration of the activities covers until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## 3.4 Applicants requirements

**The Programme is open to all individuals of Ukrainian citizenship. Applications can be sent either by Ukrainian individuals or teams of individuals (no legal person is required).** Applicants can be researchers, master and PhD students from universities and research organizations; professionals, entrepreneurs or idea owners with innovative business ideas who want to gain a practical insight on running a business.

There is no pre-set number of members in a team, but maximum two (2) members are eligible for participating in the trainings and funding. The participation of a team is welcome and appreciated in the evaluation, especially when the team is covering different competences required in running a start-up.

**Applicants of former editions of EIT JumpStarter programme cannot be selected to the program and receive any financial support at any stage of the Programme.**

## 3.5 Funding principles

Successful applicants/teams are eligible to receive up to 2.000,00 euros of financial support in form of a lump sum. A maximum of 11 teams can be selected.

Additionally, the first 3 best applicants/teams participating in the Pitch Event will receive the following prizes:

1. 1<sup>st</sup> 7.500 euros.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.500 euros.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.500 euros.

In case of “teams”:

- One person should be identified as contact person and representative of the team.
- The funding as lump sum allocated to each team.
- A sole bank account should be provided. It is recommended to the team to pass internal arrangements regarding the participation in the Programme. EIT Manufacturing cannot be held liable for any disagreement between the members of a team.

The lump sum will be transferred to the successful applicants after completion of the trainings and participation in the Pitch Event.

*Please note that the information above is provided for information only and does not constitute any kind of commitment on behalf of EIT Manufacturing.*

*The exact number of applicants to be funded will depend on the quality of the proposals received and the total funding available.*

*Funding will be allocated to successful applicants provided that the relevant (Model) Grant Agreement between EIT Manufacturing and EIT is in place.*

### **3.6 Funding amount and form of funding**

The maximum funding amount is 2.000,00 euros per proposal. The funding takes the form of a lump sum contribution.

The final funding amount depends on the actual extent to which the Applicant/teams fulfil the following 3 requirements:

- Attendance to the Online Bootcamps.
- Preparation of a final assessment (Pitch presentation).
- Participation in the Online Pitch Event.

Reduction due to non-completion of the requirement can be foreseen.

### **3.7 Activity reporting**

Final reporting

A final assessment (Pitch presentation) shall be delivered by the applicant.

All granted applications will need to comply with the rules and procedures defined in the Horizon Europe MGA<sup>1</sup>, with special attention to Article 16 (Intellectual Property Rights) and Article 17 (Communication, Dissemination and Visibility).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32018R1046&from=EN>

## 4. Proposal preparation and submission

### 4.1 Guidance and support on proposal preparation

All applicants may contact EIT Manufacturing to ask questions and clarify any points on general/technical procedures and call content.

Please, indicate in the subject “Pre-accelerator in Ukraine – powered by EIT Jumpstarter” in the concept:

| Type of contact | Email                   |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| General         | ris@eitmanufacturing.eu |

### 4.2 Call calendar

An indicative timeline is outlined below<sup>2</sup>:

| Activity   | Date   |
|--|--|
| <i>Call opening</i>                                  | 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 17.00 CET |
| <i>Deadline for the submission of full proposals</i> | 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 23:59 CET   |
| <i>Proposals selection process completed</i>         | 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                |
| <i>Evaluation of proposals</i>                       | 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                |
| <i>Final feedback to the proposers</i>               | 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                |
| <i>Revisions of successful proposals</i>             | 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022                |
| <i>Selected activity proposals start</i>             | 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022                |

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that this calendar is indicative. Dates might be subject to slight changes



All applicants must submit the proposals via the following link:  
<https://eitjumpstarter.eu/eit-jumpstarter-ua-registration-form/>

**The deadline for the submission of the proposals is 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 23:59 CET.**

NB: Any information missing or considered incomplete, may be a reason for application rejection.

# 5. Proposal evaluation and selection process

## 5.1 Eligibility and admissibility check

A proposal will be admissible if it shows:

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| <b>Completeness</b> | The submitted proposal is completed, submitted in time via the submission tool, in English with all its mandatory information. |
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A proposal will be eligible if it shows:

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| <b>1. Applicants eligibility</b> | The applicants respect the requirements defined in Section 3.4.   |
| <b>2. Call objective</b>         | The proposals must contribute to the objective of this call as defined in Section 3.1 - subsection Purpose. |

Proposals containing one or more ineligible elements will receive an official communication from EIT Manufacturing setting out the outcome of the eligibility check and explaining why the proposal failed to meet the criteria.

The applicant of any proposal deemed ineligible who disputes the ineligibility decision, may appeal. This appeal must be made within 5 calendar days from the official EIT Manufacturing notification of ineligibility (see paragraph 5.6 and the document Appeal procedure linked to the call).

## 5.2 Evaluation criteria and evaluation process by independent evaluators

Proposals which successfully passes the eligibility check are evaluated and scored against 4 criteria: Excellence, Impact, Implementation and Strategic Fit.

Independent external evaluators will evaluate the proposals and assign scores at **criteria level** on a scale **from 1 to 5** (half point scores may be given).

| Score | Description                   |  |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1     | <i>Extremely poor or None</i> | The information provided is considered irrelevant or inadequate compared to the specific call provisions   |
| 2     | <i>Bad</i>                    | The information provided lacks relevant quality and contains significant weaknesses, compared to the specific call provisions                          |
| 3     | <i>Average</i>                | The overall information provided is adequate, however, some aspects are unclearly or insufficiently detailed, compared to the specific call provisions |
| 4     | <i>Good</i>                   | The information provided is adequate with sufficiently outlined details, compared to the specific call provisions                                      |
| 5     | <i>Excellent</i>              | The information provided is outstanding in its details, clarity and coherence, compared to the specific call provisions                                |

The criteria are defined as follow:

| Criteria  | Description   | Scoring   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Excellence:</b> Novelty with reference to the state of the art / market, clarity and pertinence of the activity's objectives; soundness of the concept, and credibility of the proposed methodology. | The proposal has a novel/unique/special solution, and represents a step forward regarding current state-of-the-art. | <b>Max. scoring: 5</b><br><b>(Threshold: 3/5)</b> |
| <b>Impact.</b> Identification of an existing problem, market opportunity and potential customers is evaluated   | The proposal identifies well the problem of targeted/future customers, there is a clear                             | <b>Max. scoring: 5</b><br><b>Threshold: 3/5</b>   |

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|  | market need and benefit presented.   |   |
| <b>Implementation:</b> Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, including extent to which the resources assigned are in line with their objectives and output appropriateness of the risk and innovation management                               | The proposal presents the expected output, the risks and time of implementation in a reasonable way.   | <b>Max. scoring: 5</b><br><b>Threshold: 3/5</b> |
| <b>Strategic fit:</b> How the activities contribute to the value chain of Manufacturing within European ecosystem. Highlighting both competitive advantage and sustainability. Relevance with the KIC's SOs and the thematic priorities of the Call. | The proposal contributes to EIT Manufacturing strategic objectives (EIT Manufacturing Strategic Agenda), to the EIT Core and EIT Manufacturing specific KPIs | <b>Max. scoring: 5</b><br><b>Threshold: 3/5</b> |
| <b>Max total scoring</b>   |  | <b>20/20</b>                                    |
| <b>Overall threshold</b>   |  | <b>12/20</b>                                    |

The maximum overall score is 20 (5x4). The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the 4 criteria, is 12/20points.

To be considered for funding, the proposal must score above a certain threshold for each criterion, and above an overall threshold.

At least three external evaluators will evaluate each proposal. Each evaluator will provide a score for each criterion, and each will produce an Individual Evaluation Report (IER). The score for each criterion will be the average of the individual evaluator's scores. The overall score will be the sum of the gradings for each individual criterion. A rapporteur will prepare a Summary Evaluation Report for each proposal, based on the evaluations of the (3) evaluators provided through the Individual Evaluation Reports.

### 5.3 Communication of results and negotiation period

EIT Manufacturing will inform by email all applicants once the evaluation is completed.

The applicants might receive 2 types of evaluation feedback:

- The proposal is accepted for funding. The proposal has got a high evaluation score and is selected for funding based on available budget assumptions.
- The proposal is rejected. The proposal has failed to reach the threshold of an individual evaluation criterion or the threshold of the overall score and is therefore not considered for funding.

The proposal is retained in the reserve list: the proposal has passed all thresholds but due to budget constraints cannot be funded. In case of finally unused budget, the proposal might become eligible for funding, e.g in case a proposal accepted with conditions is not funded. The duration of the reserve list is up to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

The evaluation results will be provided to all applicants. After the communication of results, the successful participants will receive contractual documents to be signed with EIT Manufacturing, including:

- Subgrant agreement – agreed financial provisions per participants.
- Declaration of honour.

### 5.4 Procedure for complaints and appeal

The applicant master contact of a rejected proposal who disagrees with the decision may request an evaluation review. Only procedural aspects of an evaluation may be the subject of a request for an evaluation review, for example process errors or technical problems. The evaluation of the merits of a proposal shall not be the subject of an evaluation review. In this case, the applicant will have 5 calendar days after receipt of the final evaluation results to submit an appeal to the Evaluation (see document Appeal procedure here: [LINK](#)).

## 6. Other Terms and Conditions

### 6.1 Exclusion Criteria

Applicants will be excluded from participating in the call if they are in any of the situations of exclusion defined in Article 136 of the EU Financial Regulation<sup>3</sup>. Applicants shall sign a Declaration of Honour in order to confirm that they respect the above-mentioned criteria at the application stage. Successful Applicants shall provide relevant recent documentation substantiating the Declaration of Honour at the latest before signing the agreements mentioned under point 5.3. Failure to provide adequate documentation will result in the exclusion of the applicants and the proposal concerned.

### 6.2 Confidentiality

EIT Manufacturing undertakes to use any Confidential Information shared by the entities solely for the purposes of the Call for Proposals. Confidential information shall mean data and/or information that is proprietary to, or possessed by the entities and not generally known to the public, or that has not yet been revealed whether in tangible or intangible form, whenever and however disclosed and might also be included in the application form. Confidential information must be expressly labelled as such in the application form.

Applicants agree that EIT Manufacturing and its subsidiaries can disseminate, publish, and make use of non-confidential information regarding the call, to promote the activities of EIT Manufacturing or establish reports or other necessary documents for EIT.

The applicants agree that data and information in the application form not labelled as confidential may be disclosed in connection with the activities of EIT Manufacturing.

Considering the confidential nature of the data and information referred to above, EIT Manufacturing also undertakes to (i) not disclose them in any way and in any form, without prior written authorization of the company concerned; and (ii) not to use them for purposes other than those strictly necessary for participation in the Programme.

Confidential Information may be shared among EIT Manufacturing and its subsidiaries (e.g. CLCs) solely for the purposes of the call. EIT Manufacturing undertakes to impose

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<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32018R1046&from=EN>

this confidentiality obligation on its employees and the employees of its subsidiaries and its collaborators, as well as on Rapporteurs and independent experts and all subjects who, by virtue of participating in the call for proposal as members of the Selection Committees or Jury, will take knowledge of or may have access to such confidential data and information.

### 6.3 Intellectual Property

Participating applicants agree to respect IPR Rules (Article 16) of the (Model) Grant Agreement<sup>4</sup>.

Participating applicants also agree to respect the EIT Manufacturing IP Policy available on this link.

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. The organizer and their authorized representatives in the program undertake to ensure the confidentiality of the ideas and projects presented and developed throughout the Programme.

Applicants should ascertain that their proposed ideas will not infringe IP rights of third parties.

### 6.4 Disclaimers

EIT Manufacturing denies all liability from an applicant participation to the call for proposal.

Submitting application does not establish a grantor-grantee relationship between applicant and the EIT Manufacturing as final decision will be made after the evaluation process and the final confirmation of acceptance of the application and all other procedure mentioned herein.

These call for proposals guidelines may be subject to changes/update. In such a case, the changes will be communicated publicly (published) in a transparent and clear manner. Applicants having already applied will also be informed.

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<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga\\_horizon-euratom\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf)

## 6.5 Processing of Personal Data

EIT Manufacturing ensures that any processing of personal data shall be performed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation). As a data subject you have the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object and the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing. If you have a question about personal data processing or want to exercise your data subject rights, you can contact our Data Protection Officer on [dpo@eitmanufacturing.eu](mailto:dpo@eitmanufacturing.eu). In the case of complaints, you can address them to the French regulator CNIL.

The collected personal data will be used solely for the procedure and assessment of the call applications and the management, completion, organisation, dissemination of information and publicity of the call. The data controller is EIT Manufacturing and/or its subsidiaries.

By submitting your application for this call you consent that EIT Manufacturing will collect, transfer, process, store and delete your data in accordance with the aforementioned conditions.

Details concerning the processing of your personal data are available in the privacy statement at: [LINK](#).

## 6.6 Applicable Law

The present call is governed by the applicable European Union laws (i.e. the EIT Regulation, the EU Financial Regulation and the Horizon Europe Regulation) and is complemented, where necessary, by the law of France. The applicants agree to observe the obligations set forth in the (Model) Grant Agreement<sup>4</sup> signed between the EIT and EIT Manufacturing and particularly Articles 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping). These obligations will also be mentioned in contracts to be signed if the application is successful.



## 6.7 Monitoring and audit rights

All applicants selected for funding will undergo continuous monitoring by EIT Manufacturing to ensure effective progress and implementation at each stage in accordance with the Agreement signed, and to trigger payments according to the achievement of milestones (attending to the Online Bootcamps and Online Pitch Event) and reporting (Pitch presentation).

EIT Manufacturing reserves the right to discontinue or restructure the funding of the Activity at any point during the Activity duration. Furthermore, EIT Manufacturing will monitor all Activities up to 5 years after Activity completion to track long-term impact, the status of commercialization and the impact of the Activity.

EIT Manufacturing keeps the right to access any data of the Activity during 5 years after completion to ensure transparency and allow monitoring from EIT.

## 6.8 Communication/Dissemination of Results of the Activities

Applicants of the Programme agree to respect the provisions of Article 17 regarding Communication, dissemination and visibility of the (Model) Grant Agreement<sup>4</sup>.

Participants agree that EIT Manufacturing and its subsidiaries can disseminate, publish, and make use of non-confidential information regarding the call, in order to promote the activities of EIT Manufacturing or establish reports or other necessary documents for EIT.