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1. THE DESCRIPTION AND STRUCTURE OF THE EIT JUMPSTARTER

EIT Jumpstarter is part of the EIT Community Strategic Regional Innovations Cluster, therefore, the launch of this year's edition, as well as, all financial commitments made in the Terms and Conditions document, depend on the successful approval of the amended EIT Community Strategic Regional Innovations Cluster's Business Plan 2023-25.

1.1. Description of EIT Jumpstarter

What is the EIT Jumpstarter?

The EIT Jumpstarter is an award-winning pre-acceleration programme funded by the European Union. The programme is designed to help scientists, researchers, innovators, and idea holders validate their innovative ideas and develop business skills to create and run their start-ups in innovative industries. The programme, powered by the EIT Community, focuses on talents coming from the countries located in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe (further specified under point 2. e below), where the overall pace of innovation is moderate or modest / emerging¹ and are, for the most part, eligible for the [EIT Regional Innovation Scheme](#) (more about the eligible geographies can be found in the section 2 The Eligibility Criteria). Since 2017, the EIT Jumpstarter has brought to life 97 start-ups and trained over 970 researchers, scientists, and professionals. It is free of charge for beneficiaries and doesn't require equity shares.

Who are the participants?

The EIT Jumpstarter creates a new European cohort of innovators; curious and eager to find solutions to some of the most pressing global intersectional challenges such as climate change, the energy crisis, access to raw materials, health, well-being and active ageing, sustainable manufacturing or smart and liveable cities. Very often they have the necessary scientific background and research experience, but they lack business skills or have never validated their idea on the market. During the seven-month-long programme, the participants are equipped with a unique business skill set that is a must for future entrepreneurs, including business modelling and validation of the market need. They also gain best-in-class networking and understand how to turn their innovation from an idea to a marketable product or service and make a potential impact in their respective industry. The EIT Community carefully selects the best candidates to enable quality peer-to-peer learning. The most promising teams will be awarded cash prizes to support their further development. All details regarding the Funding terms are explained under point 3.

What kind of ideas can be submitted?

Participants can submit their ideas in one of the eight categories, powered and mentored by different EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (EIT KICs):

- Health
- Food
- RawMaterials
- InnoEnergy
- Manufacturing
- Urban Mobility
- New European Bauhaus (NEB)²

¹ According to the European innovation scoreboard: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/statistics/performance-indicators/european-innovation-scoreboard_en

² DISCLAIMER: New European Bauhaus category and all related tasks are managed by EIT Health InnoStars but the takeover of the category and all related tasks by EIT Culture and Creativity is foreseeable which shall not impact the Participants of this program whatsoever.

- Rebuild Ukraine³

The detailed scopes of each thematic field are further described under point 2.d below.

1.2. Structure of EIT Jumpstarter

This competition is divided into several phases:

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

The call for applications opens on February 26th 2024 and closes on May 5th 2024 at 23:59 CET. Please apply through our [online application form](#). The applicants should emphasise: 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 the current challenges of the team. Applications can be submitted once under the most appropriate thematic field (either Health or Food or RawMaterials or InnoEnergy or Urban Mobility or Manufacturing or New European Bauhaus or Rebuild Ukraine).

The submitted applications will be carefully assessed by a team of experts. A total of 190 teams – 20 per each thematic field (Health, Food, RawMaterials, InnoEnergy, Urban Mobility, Manufacturing, New European Bauhaus, and Rebuild Ukraine) and an additional 30 teams from the Western Balkans – will be selected to participate in the Competition. Due to the cross-sectoral character of the programme, there are possible shifts of qualified teams between thematic cohorts: in case the scope of a business idea better fits into another thematic cohort, the team shall be requested to change the earlier selected vertical.

Applications shall be evaluated on a rolling basis; therefore, applicants are encouraged to complete their application form earlier than the expiration of the application deadline.

- A reserve list of eligible idea-holders will be prepared for each thematic field. If a selected applicant resigns from the Competition, the applicant with the highest score from the reserve list shall be invited to participate. Please note, that teams from the reserve list can only be invited during the first 2 weeks of the learning programme's commencement. This timing allows for adequate integration into the curriculum process and interaction with mentors and coaches.
- 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. 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 the initial one. The additional recruitment might be terminated earlier without any prior notice.

The invitations will be sent to accepted participants directly by the respective EIT KIC's Contact point (listed under point 6).

Phase 2: Online Bootcamps and learning group coaching

The training aims 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 to get investor funding. Focus areas: pitch deck development, creation of business-critical assumptions, and identification of next steps. Bootcamps will be organised online in May-June 2024. The length of this stage is approximately 15 hours in total. 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 fellow teams. Once the team joins one learning group, they will not be eligible to participate in another. The EIT Jumpstarter project management team will assign the teams to the learning groups and coaches. Attendance of the team in learning group meetings is mandatory to proceed and pitch at the Online Pitch Day.

³ Rebuild the Ukraine category and all related tasks are managed by EIT Health.

Phase 3: Online Pitch Day and Selection to the Local Joint Training

After the Online Bootcamps, teams will pitch their business ideas during an online, thematic Pitch Day in late June 2024. The pitch shall be either pre-recorded and sent in advance or will be recorded during the online event and evaluated by a team of experts powered by the EIT KICs. Teams will have the possibility to answer the jury's questions and based on their pitches and answers, the organisers will select the best performing, most committed 80 teams – 10 teams per each category – and invite them to attend the Local Joint Training, which takes place partially in person. The invitations will be sent to participants directly by the respective EIT KIC's Contact point.

Phase 4: Local Joint Trainings

The Local Joint Trainings will be organised in various European locations in July-September 2024. They will build on the knowledge acquired by teams during the Online Bootcamps. The Local Joint Trainings aim to help teams test and validate their main assumptions set up in the previous phase, enrich knowledge and practice new skills, master their presentation skills, and how to set up a start-up. Teams will be ideally directed to the nearest location to their place of residence. The length of the Local Joint Training is approximately 40 hours. Teams will be asked to prepare home assignments during the training: to work on business modelling tools. By the end of the training, teams will write a concise Business Plan considering the outcomes of the analyses prepared and delivered during the training. Furthermore, teams will have the possibility to receive individual mentoring from industry and business experts. The Local Joint Training will be organised partially in person. Teams will be supported by small grants to cover the travel and accommodation costs related to their participation in the training (further specification under point 3). Attendance of the team in the sessions is mandatory to proceed and submit a Business Plan for evaluation.

Phase 5: Selection to the EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final

After the Local Joint Training, teams should submit their Business Plans prepared with the support of local trainers. The Business Plans will be evaluated by the EIT KICs' evaluation committee.

The prizes at the Grand Final are intended to incentivise the product or service development efforts, aimed at the commercialisation of innovative solutions by start-up companies. Therefore, in all categories, only those teams who are ready to set up a new business enterprise by the end of 2024 will be eligible to enter the next phase.⁴ In this context, teams will be asked to submit proof of company registration, or a letter of intent signed by the participating team members together with the Business Plan.

Based on the accepted proof documents and the Business Plans, the organisers will invite the best 48 teams – 6 per category – to deliver a pitch at the EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final event. The invitations will be sent to participants directly by the respective EIT KIC's Contact point.

Phase 6: EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final

This is the final pitching competition of the EIT Jumpstarter programme organised in November/December 2024. The teams will be grouped into eight sessions according to their categories (Health, Food, RawMaterials, InnoEnergy, Manufacturing, Urban Mobility, New European Bauhaus, and Rebuild Ukraine) and will pitch and compete in the respective category. The teams will pitch their ideas in a public event in front of a jury panel, composed of experts appointed by the EIT Community. The top 3 winners will be selected in each category by the Jury and awarded with financial prizes:

- 1st prize: EUR 10,000
- 2nd prize: EUR 5,000
- 3rd prize: EUR 2,500
- Special prize for the best team coming from Western Balkans: EUR 5,000 (one prize, available to all finalists from Western Balkans regardless of the category)

Please note that Finalists need to register their company⁵ and provide the EIT Communities with a registration proof or equivalent document by 31st December 2024 to be eligible for financial prizes at the Grand Final.⁶ In case a prize winner cannot submit all the required documents by 31st December 2024 the next eligible team in the ranking is entitled to receive the prize.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The competition is open to all individuals and teams of natural persons – citizens of the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, Western Balkan economies and Moldova (further specified under point 2. E below). Natural persons: researchers, master, and Ph.D. students or research groups from universities and research organisations; professionals, idea holders, or idea owners that have an idea / solution that is targeting the scope of one of our categories (further specified under 2.d below) and wants to start a company. Those teams who already have registered start-ups before January 1st 2024 connected to their business ideas are not eligible to participate and will not be accepted to this particular competition. Start-ups who registered their company in the given calendar year (from January 1st 2024) are eligible for the programme. We encourage applications from COST Innovators Grantees, as well as teams led by female founders and those with female co-founders on board.

The applications can be submitted either by a single idea holder or by a team represented by a contact person. There is no pre-set number of members in a team, but a maximum of two (2) co-founding members are eligible for financing (further specified under point 3 below). The participation of a team is welcome and appreciated in the evaluation, especially when the team is covering different competencies required in running a start-up. However, a maximum number of two (2) co-founding members per team is eligible to take part in the EIT Jumpstarter programme to ensure the high quality and comfortable conditions of the training activities. In justified cases, the EIT KIC contact point or trainer/mentor may allow the participation of more team members in specific activities.

Additional eligibility criteria are:

- a. Proposals must be in English. Proposals in other languages will not be accepted.
- b. Incomplete submissions, or submissions via any other routes (e.g. email) will be rejected.
- c. Proposals must be submitted before the deadline; all late applications will be rejected.
- d. The idea must be within the scope of the main challenges:
 - *in EIT Health*: New models to deliver healthcare; Facilitating the uptake of digital medical devices in Europe; Harnessing the full potential of health data for innovation; Supporting the deployment of Important Project of Common European Interest in Health (IPCEI) to address market failures. More details are accessible here: <https://eithealth.eu/who-we-are/our-focus-areas/>
 - *in EIT RawMaterials*: The challenge for the EIT RawMaterials Innovation Community is to fully utilise the potential of the European industry and to revitalise the human capital in the raw materials sector. This will be achieved by three strategic objectives that are Sustainable Materials, Circular Societies, and Responsible Sourcing. More details are accessible here: <https://eitrawmaterials.eu/lighthouses/>

⁴ The EIT KICs reserve the right to revise these criteria in exceptional and duly justified cases.

⁵ The newly created company connected to the business idea should hold shares or stocks (for example in: GmbH, LLC, Ltd, OU, Sarl, SL, Sp zoo, Srl, TOB) and be registered during the year 2024 in one of the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme eligible countries and territories: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), the Canary Islands (Spain), or in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova.

⁶ The EIT KICs reserve the right to revise these criteria in exceptional and duly justified cases

- *n EIT Food*: optimising resource efficiency and environmental sustainability of agriculture supply, primary production, processing, storing, packaging, logistics/distribution, retail, consumer research, nutrition monitoring, and food service; developing nutritionally customised food products, addressing unmet needs and generating consumer relevant functionalities; building trust in the food system, securing traceability and auditability of food quality, safety, and authenticity, combining digital and sensor technologies to acquire and transmit information through the food value chain. In general – the development of solutions that will put new products on the market, introduce new and improved commercial processes and services, and achieve: Healthier Lives Through Food, A Net Zero Food System, and A Fully Transparent, Fair, and Resilient Food System. More details are accessible here: <https://eitfood.eu>
- *in EIT InnoEnergy*: energy costs reduction, system performance increase, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions decrease, circular economy (particularly in the context of energy usage), green hydrogen, energy management systems and energy storage. Any other innovative approaches that are based on sustainable energy generation, storage, or usage are welcome. More information is here: <https://www.innoenergy.com/>
- *in EIT Manufacturing*: Flexible Production Systems for Competitive Manufacturing, Low Environmental Footprint Systems & Circular Economy for Green Manufacturing, Digital & Collaborative Solutions for Innovative Manufacturing Ecosystems and Human-machine coworking for socially sustainable manufacturing. More details are accessible here: <https://www.eitmanufacturing.eu/what-we-do/focus-areas-flagships/>
- *in EIT Urban Mobility*: Active Mobility, Sustainable City Logistics, Future Mobility, Mobility and Energy, and Public Realm, are the main focus areas. This is not a closed list, any idea/solution to solving city challenges is welcome. More details are accessible here: [About us - EIT Urban mobility](#)
- *New European Bauhaus*: Selected ideas should propose innovative solutions that contribute to developing beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive places, products, and ways of living. New European Bauhaus is a crossroad between science/technology and art/culture. In their proposals, applicants should pay particular attention to at least one of the three dimensions of the New European Bauhaus is a crossroad between science/technology and art/culture. More details: https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/about/about-initiative_en. In their proposals, applicants should pay particular attention to at least one of the three dimensions of the NEB:
 - *Sustainability*: e.g.: garden ecosystem conservation, waste management, heat wave mitigation, exploiting the farming potential of block facades, decreasing CO² level, preserving biodiversity, mitigating climate change, fostering circularity
 - *Aesthetics*: when functionality and style/art go together, e.g.: promotion of local culture and music, creative services suited to researchers and scientists, bringing and feel nature indoors, making healthy eating visually attractive, transforming public buildings and spaces more sustainable
 - *Inclusion*: securing accessibility and affordability to all, e.g.: collaborative food growing, diversifying neighbourhoods, the wellbeing of users in buildings, connecting seniors/pensioners, cross-generation exchange. (Other examples of thematic fitting the NEB category: healthy and inclusive neighbourhoods, accessible living spaces, alternative building methods that respect the environment and the surrounding culture, innovative solutions in construction, materials, structures, design and production methods, smart infrastructure solutions, circular and sustainable design, and architecture.)
- *in Rebuild Ukraine*: expecting ideas from all thematic fields that participate in the EIT Jumpstarter program (Health, Food, RawMaterials, Manufacturing, Urban Mobility, InnoEnergy, New European Bauhaus). Applicants must be Ukrainian citizens who either habitually reside in

Ukraine, or if they are habitually not residing in Ukraine, they are willing to commit to incorporate their future company in Ukraine. *If there is an intention to register the company in another RIS-eligible country, it is advisable to apply for the relevant category that aligns with the project.* The category aims to provide special support to Ukrainian innovators in their start-up development and prevent brain drain from the country.

- e. Additional information such as a weblink to the project can be uploaded to support your application. These additional documents are not mandatory, and please be aware that the reviewers may not consider these attachments as the basis for their evaluation.
- f. At least one of the cofounders having citizenship in one of the countries or territories: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo⁴, Türkiye, Ukraine, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), the Canary Islands (Spain) and Moldova.
- g. We want to promote women entrepreneurs, so additional evaluation points will be given to teams with at least one woman co-founder

Participants of the former editions of the EIT Jumpstarter cannot be selected for the programme and receive any financial support at any stage of the competition.

The submitted project must be exclusively concentrated on civil applications, with no intention of military use or serving military purposes, in adherence to ethical considerations, to be eligible for participation. If a product/service/model involves dual-use items as defined by [Regulation 2021/821](#) or other items requiring authorization, participation and support can still be considered, but we will add a specific note to make sure the Project complies with the relevant regulatory framework.

Multiple submissions are not accepted. Each applicant must use a unique email address for submission.

3. FUNDING TERMS

Financing is based on teams, no matter if the team is represented by just 1 or 2 members. Team members are sharing their costs and will be reimbursed or paid with a lump sum (depending on the internal processes of the EIT KIC coordinating the category) using eligibility criteria and reporting documents.

There are two forms of funding:

Successful applicants are eligible to receive support for covering their travel, accommodation, and other project development and start-up creation costs in two stages:

1. *Local Joint Training phase:* Selected teams will have a budget of EUR 2,000 to cover their own individual travel and accommodation costs attending the local training as well as to finance other eligible project development activities, for one or two co-founders.
2. *Grand Final phase:* Each of the 48 finalist teams will have a budget of an additional EUR 1,000 to cover their own individual travel and accommodation costs to attend the Grand Final in person by one or two co-founders, as well as to finance other eligible project development activities.

The submitted project should be grounded in the unique ideas and creations of the applicant. If it incorporates intellectual property (IP) not originally the applicant's, it's crucial to have clear permissions, like a license agreement or a formal transfer of IP rights from the creator to the applicant.

⁴ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

Please note that if it turns out that the application form was filled out with false information and as a result, a selected team does not meet the eligibility criteria listed above, it can be excluded from the competition with immediate effect, and any financial support paid up to that point must be returned.

The basic eligibility criteria for funding are to sign the consent form or the financial support agreement (all participating team members) and submit the required deliverables. Additional information and guidance will be provided during the programme on how to get and use this support. Please note that there is no funding available for teams who only completed the Online Bootcamps phase.

These are non-dilutive awards. Winners must provide the necessary documents (start-up creation legal documents and other award documents) by 31st December 2024 to receive the prize. In case a prize winner cannot receive the prize (e.g. resigns, cannot submit all the required documents on time, receives a higher prize), the next eligible team in the ranking is entitled to receive the respective prize.

4. EIT COMMUNITY'S REPRESENTATION

Participants, who receive funding, must display the EIT Community and EIT Jumpstarter logo on their website (if you have any) in a visible place. We will share the relevant guidelines with the teams during the programme.

By signing the consent form or Financial support agreement the applicants commit to taking part in the EIT Jumpstarter's follow-up questionnaire, including statistical questions about the company registered and the Project.

Finalists are eligible to be interviewed and they shall participate in any interview the organisers request from them during the Grand Final. After the Grand Final, some participants might receive an interview request from a medium through the organisers. The Finalists who have set up a company should take part in interviews and surveys up to three years after finishing the programme and should always mention that they were created during the EIT Jumpstarter programme.

When participants announce that they became a member of the EIT Jumpstarter community, they shall make sure to have the programme's logo displayed somewhere on the image they are using or should mention the EIT Jumpstarter account, if it is available on that platform (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, others).

It is recommended to promote the programme as the ambassador among local networks, by sharing information about being accepted and completing each step of a programme in the professional network and social media.

All images and assets where an EIT KIC, the EIT Community, the EIT Jumpstarter, or the EIT itself is displayed shall be approved by the organizers of the programme. EIT visual guidelines must be respected in this case. Guidelines will be provided to the teams during the programme and upon request.

5. IP RIGHTS AND CONFIDENTIALITY

The applications submitted to EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Food, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility, and for the New European Bauhaus and Rebuild Ukraine categories for the EIT Jumpstarter are handled under confidentiality. Everybody who comes in contact with the applications and deliverables during the review process is bound by confidentiality agreements. By applying for the Competition, applicants consent to access, keep, and use their data by the EIT Communities for the Competition.

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. The organiser and their authorised representatives in the programme undertake to ensure the confidentiality of the ideas and project details developed throughout the Competition, which are not revealed by the participants in the publicly available parts of the programme.

The intellectual property rights of all materials, curriculum, and methodology used during the EIT Jumpstarter are fully owned by the leading EIT KIC, EIT Health InnoStars. Participants cannot share them with externals or use them for other purposes not related to the EIT Jumpstarter.

6. KEY DATES

- Deadline for submitting business ideas: 5th May 2024 at 23:59 CET
- Selection of ideas and invitation to the Online Bootcamps: 10th May 2024
- Online Bootcamps will be held online in May-June 2024 (to be defined)
- Local joint trainings: July-September 2024(to be defined)
- Grand Final: November or December 2024 (to be defined)

Dates could change, but the project management team will report them appropriately.

7. HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

For general programme-related questions, please contact us [here](#)

For specific, category-related questions, please contact our KIC Contact points:

- Contact from EIT Health: [Mr Piotr Boulangé](#)
- Contact from EIT RawMaterials: [Mr. Imre Gombkötő](#)
- Contact from EIT Food: [Mr. Adam Strzelecki](#)
- Contact from EIT InnoEnergy: [Mr. Piotr Pawelec](#)
- Contact form EIT Manufacturing: [Ms. Patricia Karrer](#)
- Contact form EIT Urban Mobility: [Ms. Celeste Reglá](#)
- Contact for New European Bauhaus and Rebuild Ukraine categories: [Diana Berezhna](#)

More information on EIT Jumpstarter: <https://eitjumpstarter.eu/>

8. OVERVIEW OF THE ORGANISING KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

The <https://eit.europa.eu/>Europe's ability to innovate. The EIT nurtures entrepreneurial talent and supports new ideas, bringing together the "knowledge triangle" of leading companies, universities, and research centers to form dynamic cross-border partnerships called Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs). Currently, there are nine thematic KICs: EIT Food, Climate-KIC, EIT Digital, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility, and EIT Culture and Creativity. The following KICs are participating in the EIT Jumpstarter programme: EIT Food, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Manufacturing, and EIT Urban Mobility.Mobility.

The EIT Community Strategic Regional Innovations Cluster is a horizontal project providing a platform for the KICs to share best practices and KIC initiatives and identify joint activities within those Emerging European regions, including: countries eligible for the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, the Western-Balkans economies and Moldova.

8.1. Overview of EIT Health and Innostars

EIT Health is one of the biggest European public-private partnerships in healthcare innovation. Comprised of approximately 150 Partners, EIT Health is a unique European network of top companies, universities, research and development centers, and hospitals and institutes. EIT Health's role is to build an ecosystem

that enables future healthcare development so that European citizens can live longer and healthier lives.

EIT Health upgrades the skills of healthcare professionals throughout Europe, investing in Europe's best talents, and facilitates the commercialization of innovative health products/solutions within the EU. It is co-funded by the EIT, a body of the European Union. For more information, visit: www.eithealth.eu. EIT Health InnoStars is one of the eight geographical areas of EIT Health covering the modest and moderate / emerging innovator countries in Europe according to the European Innovation Scoreboard. For more information visit: <https://eithealth.eu/in-your-region/innostars/>

8.2. Overview of EIT RawMaterials

Europe is home to world leaders in game-changing innovative technologies and an entrepreneurial infrastructure. A sustainable supply of raw materials is vital for the transition to a climate-neutral, green, and digital economy envisioned in the EU Green Deal. Currently, Europe is highly dependent on imports of raw materials that are crucial for its strategic industrial autonomy. EIT RawMaterials boosts innovation across the entire raw materials value chain for a globally competitive and resilient future in Europe.

EIT RawMaterials provides a collaborative environment for disruptive and breakthrough innovations by connecting more than 300 partners from industry, academia, research, and investment. It also invests in the future generation of innovators for the raw materials sector through initiatives ranging from the education of school students to higher qualifications for industry professionals. For more information visit: <https://eitrawmaterials.eu/>

8.3. Overview of EIT Food

EIT Food is the world's largest and most dynamic food innovation community. We accelerate innovation to build a future-fit food system that produces healthy and sustainable food for all.

Supported by the EIT, we invest in projects, organizations, and individuals that share our goals for a healthy and sustainable food system. We unlock innovation potential in businesses and universities and create and scale agrifood startups to bring new technologies and products to market. We equip entrepreneurs and professionals with the skills needed to transform the food system and put consumers at the heart of our work, helping build trust by reconnecting them to the origins of their food. For more information please visit: <https://www.eitfood.eu/>

8.4. Overview of EIT InnoEnergy

[EIT InnoEnergy](#) operates at the centre of the energy transition and is the leading innovation engine in sustainable energy. It brings the technology, business model innovation and skills required to accelerate the green deal, progress towards Europe's decarbonisation and re-industrialisation goals, whilst also improving energy security.

[Ranked as the most active investor in the energy sector in 2022 by Pitchbook, named in 2023 as one of Europe's top 10 most active deeptech investors by Sifted,](#) and [recognised in 2022 as Europe's leading impact investor in cleantech by Startup Genome,](#) InnoEnergy backs innovations across a range of areas. These include energy storage, transport and mobility, renewables, energy efficiency, hard to abate industries, smart grids and sustainable buildings and cities.

InnoEnergy has a portfolio of more than 200 companies, which are estimated to generate €110 billion in revenue and save 2.1G tonnes of CO₂e accumulatively by 2030. Collectively, these companies have raised more than €9.7 billion in investment to date.

InnoEnergy is the driving force behind three strategic European initiatives which include the [European Battery Alliance](#) (EBA), [the European Green Hydrogen Acceleration Center](#) (EGHAC) and the [European Solar Photovoltaic Industry Alliance](#) (ESIA).

8.5. Overview of EIT Manufacturing

EIT Manufacturing is an Innovation Community within the EIT – that connects the leading manufacturing actors in Europe. Fuelled by a strong interdisciplinary and trusted community, we will add unique value to European products, processes, and services – and inspire the creation of globally competitive and sustainable manufacturing.

EIT Manufacturing will establish an innovation community and build a network of ecosystems where people can acquire skills and find opportunities; and where innovators can attract investors and accede venture capital. For that purpose, the EIT Manufacturing community boasts more than 130 members and network partners, including leading industry players, universities, and research institutes. For more information visit: www.eitmanufacturing.eu

8.6. Overview of EIT Urban Mobility

EIT Urban Mobility is an initiative of the EIT that has been working to encourage positive changes in the way people move around cities to make them more liveable places since January 2019. EIT Urban Mobility engages people, connects communities, accelerates market opportunities, and re-imagines public spaces. An innovation community to educate and inspire mobility solutions for 21st-century cities.

Using cities as living labs, the EIT Urban Mobility industry and university partners demonstrate how new technologies can work to solve real problems in real cities by transporting people, freight, and waste in smarter ways. By fostering innovation and transformation, we can improve people’s quality of life, decarbonize mobility, and make Europe’s economy more competitive. EIT Urban Mobility aims to become the largest European initiative transforming urban mobility. The help of EIT, a body of the European Union co-funding up to EUR 400 million (2020-2026), will help make this happen. For more information visit: www.eiturbanmobility.eu

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Update on 05.03.2024: This document has been updated to correct an error in the stated date, with all terms and deadlines now reflecting the accurate information.

Update on 23.04.2024: The application deadline was extended to 5 May, and this document has been updated to reflect the accurate information. The former application deadline was 26 April.