EU funding opportunities for green projects – a world of possibilities

Backing visionary entrepreneurs

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Horizon Europe Structure



HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME: EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

Exclusive focus on defence research & development

Research actions

Development actions

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTING HORIZON EUROPE & EIT*

Exclusive focus on civil applications



European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



PILIAR II
GLOBAL CHALLENGES &
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL
COMPETITIVENESS

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- · Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- · Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Joint Research Centre



European Innovation Council

European innovation ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology* Fusion

Fission

Joint Research Center

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

^{*} The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme



What's holding back European innovation?

Innovation **performance**

- Strong research performance not translated into innovation
- Lack of breakthrough/ disruptive innovations that create new markets

Innovation **funding**

Financing gaps (2 "valleys of death") in

- Transition from lab to enterprise
- **Scaling up** for high-risk innovative start-ups

Innovation **ecosystem**

- Many national & local ecosystems, but fragmented at European level
- Need to include all regions and all talent (especially female)

We need to overcome European Paradox – perceived failure of EU countries to translate scientific advances into marketable innovations.

Deeptech

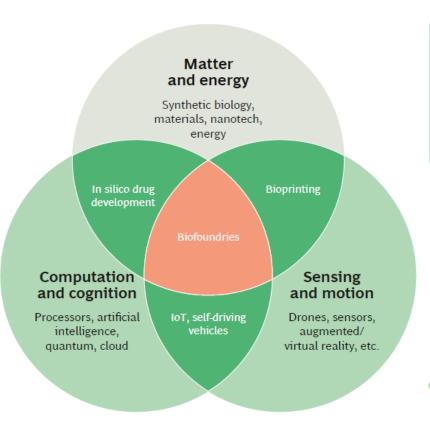


Powerful technologies are emerging faster...

- · Artificial intelligence
- · Quantum computing
- Synthetic biology
- Nanotechnology
- NextGen UX (augmented/virtual reality)
- Blockchain
- Robotics
- Universal printing

...and they converge to solve major business issues

- Process automation for materials
- New chemical development via AI or quantum computing
- Neuron-machine interface



Deep tech brings together powerful capabilities

- Data volume
- · Moore's law
- · DNA sequencing cost
- · DNA synthesis cost (in progress)
- · Quantum (in progress)

DEEP TECH

Problem and Hardware oriented Multidisciplinary High risk, high fund needed Open innovation approach (ecosystem of innovation)

Digital transformation as prerequisite

investments include private investments, minority stakes, initial public offerings and M&A

EIC Support Schemes for EU deeptech innovation



Pathfinder

For advanced research on breakthrough / game-changing technologies

Pathfinder Open: bottom-up approach; no predefined topics

Pathfinder Challenges: topdown challenge-driven calls for tackling specific issues by portfolios of projects

Transition

For transforming research results into innovation opportunities;
follow up results from EIC
Pathfinder and ERC Proof of
Concept

Transition Open: no topic prescription

Transition Challenges: selected challenges

Accelerator

For individual companies to develop and scale up breakthrough innovations with high risk and high impact

Grant Funding
Equity Funding
Business Acceleration Service

EIC Fund: VC fund – EC shareholder / Bridging equity funding gap at early stage / Crowding in other investors

Business Acceleration Service: access to advice, to business partners and to innovation ecosystems & peers

Approach for challenges identification



January-June

- Study of papers, reports, etc...
- Informal meetings with experts coming from science/business (entrepreneurs or innovation manager)/financial field (business angels or VC)
- EC internal Discussion (DGs, JRC, Partnerships)
- Member states experts' group

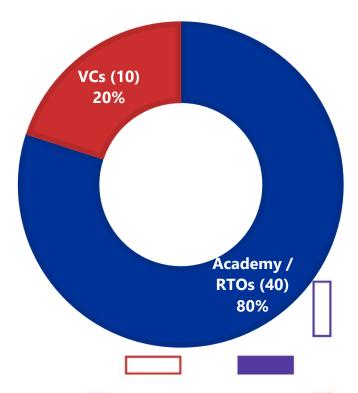
July/October

 Consultation/discussion with EC interservice group and Member states Programme committee

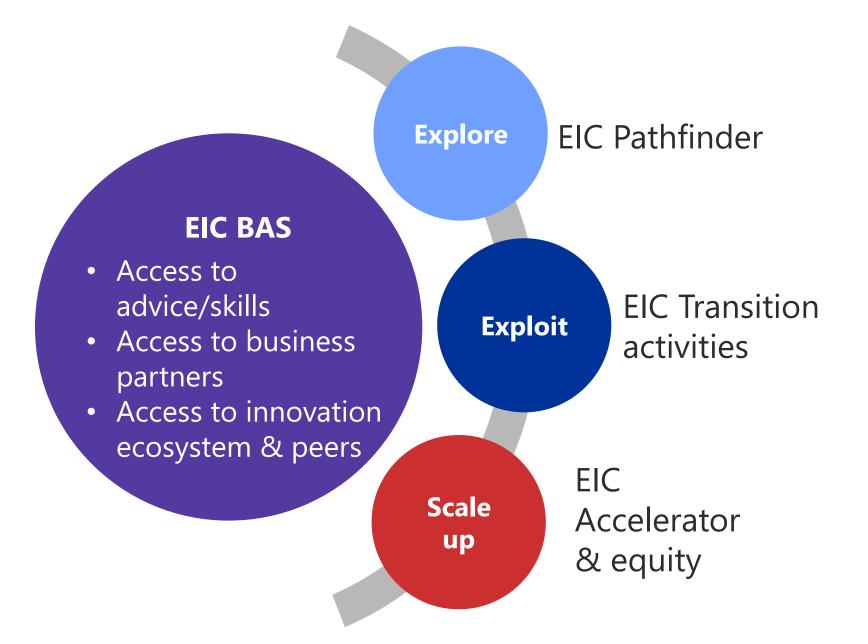
November/December

- Final writing of EIC work programme
- Adoption of WP with challenge calls









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Portfolio approach



Renewable Hydrogen (production, storage, logistics, end use)

Pathfinder,
Transition and
Accelerator
Thematic and
Challenge
portfolios

Energy storage (electrical, thermal, chemical, mechanical and electrochemical, mid-long term energy storage)

Energy harvesting and conversion (wind, geothermal, etc..)

Climate and Environment (air/water/soil monitoring/depolluting, environmental intelligence)

CO2 & N-compounds management and valorization



Thank you!

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