

THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (EIT) AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) strengthens Europe's ability to innovate by powering solutions to pressing global challenges and by nurturing entrepreneurial talent to create sustainable growth and skilled jobs in Europe. The EIT is an EU body and an integral part of [Horizon Europe](#), the EU framework programme for research and innovation.

MAKING INNOVATION HAPPEN!

What is the EIT?

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) drives innovation in Europe by supporting entrepreneurs, innovators and students across Europe to turn their best ideas into reality.

How does the EIT work?



Trains a new
generation of
entrepreneurs

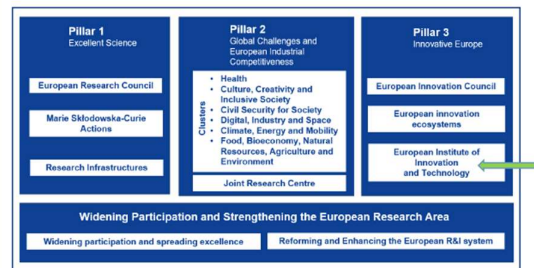


Develops
innovative
products
and services



Power
start-ups
& scale-ups

AN INTEGRAL PART OF HORIZON EUROPE (2021-2027)



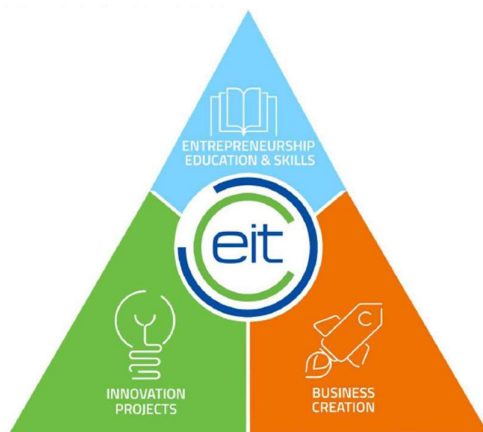
The Institute supports dynamic pan-European partnerships, known as EIT [Knowledge and Innovation Communities](#) (KICs) among leading companies, research labs, and universities. Currently, nine EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities are supported: [Climate-KIC](#), [EIT Digital](#), [InnoEnergy](#), [EIT Health](#), [EIT RawMaterials](#), [EIT Food](#), [EIT Manufacturing](#), [EIT Urban Mobility](#), and [EIT Culture & Creativity](#). The EIT launched a Call for its 10th Knowledge and Innovation Community, EIT Water in 2025, and will be operational in 2026.

Together with their leading partners, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities across Europe: [entrepreneurial education courses](#), [business creation and acceleration services](#), and [innovation-driven research projects](#).



As part of its mandate, the EIT has pioneered the integration of the 'knowledge triangle' (business, higher education and research) and has gradually established itself as a unique instrument addressing societal challenges. This focus on societal challenges through the integration of the knowledge triangle is a distinctive feature of the EIT model compared with other innovation instruments. Knowledge triangle integration happens when entrepreneurial, innovation and education processes and activities are interlinked and integrated.

EIT INNOVATION CYCLE



EDUCATION & SKILLS

Creating future innovators:

Deliver entrepreneurs and provide business and industry with a skilled workforce



INNOVATION

Breaking down the barriers for collaboration:

Innovation projects between universities, research organisations and business that helps to turn research into commercial products and services



BUSINESS CREATION

Turning ideas into businesses.

Help start-ups and ventures to start and accelerate the growth of their business.

Find out more about the EIT Innovation model [here](#).

EIT Entrepreneurial Education

EIT Education and training activities have strong entrepreneurship components to train the next generation of talents, including the design and implementation of programmes awarded the EIT Label. The EIT's education agenda is key for developing highly entrepreneurial and skilled innovators.

EIT Campus online platform

The platform provides opportunity to explore EIT courses related to education, sustainability, entrepreneurship, technology, circular economy in the context of innovation. The range of courses and programmes is predominantly European, but **we welcome learners from all over the globe**. We presently work with more than 200 partners and have already served millions of learners. **EIT Label** is the seal of quality that ensures learners get the help to develop their own sustainable solution ideas and run a successful business. Courses that bear EIT Label are all guaranteed to make sure learners are getting hands-on experience across Europe that directly prepares them for the chosen sector and connects them to the like-minded people ready to help get your ideas off the ground.

The EIT has trained 778 learners from Armenia between 2021-2024.

Deep Tech Talent Initiative (DTTI)

The Deep Tech Talent Initiative is a pioneering programme led by the European Institute of Technology and Innovation (EIT) that **has skilled one million people within deep tech fields**. Deep tech innovations – cutting-edge technological solutions combining fields of science and engineering in the physical, biological and digital spheres – are indispensable in addressing the most pressing global challenges. The Pledge for Deep Tech Talents is a vehicle for partners and sponsors to join the initiative and contribute to the development and delivery of its courses and training. The Pledge is open to organisations from all over the world, as long as they will train European residents.

National Polytechnic University of Armenia has joined the EIT DTTI as a pledger.

EIT's Higher Education Initiative (HEI)

The EIT Higher Education Initiative is a joint activity of the EIT community, which recognises higher education institutions (HEIs) as the pivotal actors in regional and European innovation ecosystems. It is uniquely designed to enhance the innovation capacity and entrepreneurial mindset of higher education institutions and foster collaboration between academia, industry, research institutions, public authorities and governmental organisations. Through competitive calls for proposals, the initiative offers non-reimbursable grants to consortia formed by HEIs and their partners to work on innovation and entrepreneurship, but also on other dimensions of strategic interest for Europe, such as deep tech.

EIT Alumni

EIT Alumni is an interdisciplinary and multicultural network of change agents who share a vision of a more sustainable Europe. Graduates of all EIT's Knowledge Innovation Communities stemming from the Education, Innovation and Business Creation pillars and programmes work together to develop new innovations and businesses specifically geared towards solving global challenges.



EIT Business Creation Programmes

The EIT business creation services for entrepreneurs, start-ups, scale-ups, and corporations – from preincubation to business acceleration – are offered in the key fields related to climate change, digitalisation, sustainable energy, food, health, raw materials, manufacturing, urban mobility, and the cultural and creative sectors. The EIT KIC business creation programmes provide entrepreneurs with access to finance, customers, markets, vital business skills, and networks, helping ground-breaking ideas translate into successful, socially impactful ventures.

For entrepreneurs: the EIT KICs aim to decrease the average time it takes to bring innovations to the market. They offer opportunities tailored to each stage of developing an idea or business: pre-seed, seed, scale-up and Series A–B.

For investors: investors are integral to the success of the EIT KICs' business creation agenda. The EIT KICs have extensive relationships with angel and venture capitalist (VC) investors from around the world. They ensure that partnerships are productive and growth-centred for programme participants and investors alike. Partnering with EIT KICs on their Business Creation programmes provides beneficiaries with access to investment, talent and unrivalled networking opportunities with industry leaders, entrepreneurs and researchers developing the innovations of tomorrow.

EIT Jumpstarter

With the contribution of best-in-class experts, a creative community, and unique know-how, EIT aims to support idea-holders to turn their ideas into business through the EIT Jumpstarter programme. The strategic aim of this EIT Community programme is to create a sustainable impact in the Central-Eastern and Southern-European Regions by boosting innovation and entrepreneurship within this part of Europe. The program's concept originates from the real needs of the innovation ecosystem of these regions. **EIT is looking into possibilities to potentially open relevant EIT RIS activities, to Armenia, in particular EIT Jumpstarter programme as of 2026.**

Business creation programmes offered by the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) can be found under the following link [here](#).



EIT Innovation Programmes

At the core of the EIT model, there are dedicated KICs innovation programmes tailored to each sector but unified by their emphasis on speed, scalability and societal value. These programmes **help transform ideas into high-impact solutions, ready for market and mission alignment**. For example: **EIT Digital**: [Open Innovation Factory](#), [DeepHack](#), and [Growth Services](#) fuel digital ventures and global scaling. **InnoEnergy**: Supports advanced energy technologies (TRL¹ 5–9) through its Innovation Portfolio. **EIT Health**: Programmes like [Wild Card](#) and [User Labs](#) back bold ideas in health innovation. **EIT Food**: [Seedbed Incubator](#) and [Impact Funding 7 Framework](#) drive food system transformation. **EIT Urban Mobility**: Provides [Innovation Advisory Services](#) and regulatory pilots in real-world urban environments.

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USEFUL SOURCES

EIT website: [EIT at a glance](#) | [EIT](#)

EIT Knowledge Centre: [Welcome to our Knowledge Centre](#) | [EIT](#)

Annex: EIT Infographic

¹ Technology Readiness Level