EIT JumpStarter 2023

Terms & Conditions

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EIT Jumpstarter is part of the Cross-KIC 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 Cross-KIC Strategic Cluster's Business Plan 2023-25.

1.1 Description of EIT Jumpstarter

What is the EIT Jumpstarter?

EIT Jumpstarter is the award-winning pre-acceleration programme for scientists, researchers, and innovators, who want to validate their idea and develop business skills so to create and run its own start-up. 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[1]. EIT Jumpstarter has brought to live already 70 start-ups and trained over 750 researchers, scientists, and professionals. It is free of charge and doesn't require equity-shares.

Who are the participants?

EIT Jumpstarter creates new European cohort of innovators: curious and eager to find solutions to some of the global intersectional challenges such as climate change, energy crisis, access to raw materials, health, well-being and active ageing, sustainable manufacturing or smart and livable cities. Very often they have 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 bring their innovation from the lab to the market and make a potential impact in their respective industry. EIT Communities are carefully selecting the best candidates to enable quality peer-to-peer learning. The most promising teams will be awarded cash prizes for further development. All details regarding the Funding terms are explained under point 3.

What kind of ideas can be submitted?

Participants can submit their idea in one of the nine categories, powered and mentored by different EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (EIT KICs):
- Health
- Food
- RawMaterials
- InnoEnergy
- Manufacturing
- Urban Mobility
- Digital
- New European Bauhaus[2]

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

[2] New European Bauhaus category and all related tasks are managed by EIT Health.

- Rebuild Ukraine[3]

The detailed scopes of each thematic fields 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 application deadline for the programme is 16th April 2023 23:59 CET. Please apply through our 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. 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 Digital or Rebuild Ukraine).

The submitted applications will be carefully assessed by a team of experts. A total of 210 teams – 20 per each thematic field (Health, Food, RawMaterials, Innoenergy, Urban Mobility, Manufacturing, New European Bauhaus, Digital and Rebuild Ukraine) and additional 30 teams from the Western Balkans - will be selected to participate in the Competition. Due to the cross-sectoral character of the program there are possible shifts of qualified teams between thematic cohorts: in case the scope of a business idea better fits into another thematical cohort, the team shall be requested to change their thematic field.

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.
- 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 participants directly by the respective EIT KIC's Contact point (listed under point 6).

Phase 2: Online Bootcamps and learning group coaching

The aim of the 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

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

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 2023. 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 and business experts. Once the team joined one learning group, they are not 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.

Phase 3: Online Pitch Day and selection to the Local Joint Trainings

After the Online Bootcamps, teams will pitch their business ideas at an online, thematical Pitch Day in late June 2023. 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 Knowledge and Innovation Communities (EIT KICs). Teams will have the possibility to answer the jury's questions and based on their pitches and answers, organizers will select the best performers, most committed 90 teams – 10 teams per each category, – and invite them to attend the Local Joint Trainings, which take 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

Local Joint Trainings will be organized in various European locations in July-September 2023. They will build on the knowledge acquired by teams during the Online Bootcamps. The aim of the Local Joint Trainings is 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 of their city of residence. The length of the Local Joint Trainings is approximately 40 hours. Teams will be asked to prepare home assignment during the trainings: 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. The Local Joint Trainings will be organised partially in-person. Teams will be supported by small grants to cover the travel and accommodation costs related to their participation at the trainings (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 Trainings, teams should submit their business plans prepared with the support of local trainers. The business plans will be evaluated by the EIT KIC's evaluation committee.

The prizes at the Grand Final are intended to incentivize the product or service development efforts, aimed at commercialization of innovative solutions by start-up companies. Therefore, in all categories, only those teams will be eligible to enter the next phase who are ready to set up a new business enterprise

by the end of 2023.[4] Therefore, teams will be asked to submit 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 organizers will invite the best 54 teams – 6 per each 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 organized in December 2023. The teams will be grouped into nine sessions according to their categories (Health, Food, RawMaterials, Innoenergy, Manufacturing, Urban Mobility, Digital, New European Bauhaus and Rebuild Ukraine) and will pitch and compete in respective category. The teams will pitch their ideas in a public event in front of a jury panel, composed of EIT Community experts.

The top 3 winners will be selected in each category by the Jury and awarded with financial prizes:
  – 1st prize: € 10,000
  – 2nd prize: € 5,000
  – 3rd prize: € 2,500

  – Special prize for the best team coming from Western Balkans: € 5,000 (one prize, available to all finalists from Western Balkans regardless of the category)

Please note that Finalists need to register their company[5] and provide EIT Communities with a registration proof or equivalent document by 31st December 2023 in order to be eligible for financial prizes at the Grand Final.[6] In case a prize winner cannot submit all the required document by 31st December 2023, 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 eligible or Western Balkan countries (further specified under point 2. e below). Natural persons: researchers, master and PhD students or research groups from universities and research organizations; professionals, entrepreneurs 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 want to start a company. Those

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[4] EIT KICs reserve the right to revise this criteria in exceptional and justified cases.
[5] The newly created company connected to the business idea should be registered during the year of 2023 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, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Kosovo, Türkiye, Ukraine, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).
[6] EIT KICs reserve the right to revise this criteria in exceptional and justified cases.

teams who already have registered start-ups before 2023.01.01 connected to their business ideas are not eligible to participate and will not be accepted to this particular competition. Start-ups which registered their company in the given calendar year (from 2023.01.01) are eligible for the programme.

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 maximum two (2) 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 competences required in running a start-up. However, a maximum number of two (2) members per team is eligible to take part in the EIT Jumpstarter programme in order to ensure high quality and comfort conditions of the training activities. In justified cases, EIT KICs Contact point or trainer/mentor may allow 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: https://eithealth.eu/who-we-are/our-focus-areas/
   - in EIT RawMaterials: The challenge for the EIT RawMaterials Innovation Community is to fully utilize the potential of the European industry and to revitalize 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 detailed https://eitrawmaterials.eu/lighthouses/
   - in EIT Food: optimizing 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-customized 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 – 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, A Fully Transparent, Fair and Resilient Food System. More details: 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. It doesn't exclude any other innovative approaches that base on sustainable energy generation, storage or usage.
   - 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 co-working for socially sustainable manufacturing. More details: 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 solving city challenges are welcome. More details: About us - EIT Urban mobility
   - in 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 (NEB):

- Sustainability: e.g.: garden ecosystem conservation, waste management, heat waves mitigation, exploiting the farming potential of block facades, decreasing CO_2 level, preserving biodiversity, mitigate 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, bring and feel nature indoors, make healthy eating visually attractive, transform public buildings and spaces more sustainable

- Inclusion: securing accessibility and affordability to all, e.g.: collaborative food growing, diversifying neighborhoods, wellbeing of users in buildings, connecting seniors/pensioners, cross generation exchange

(Other examples of thematic fitting the NEB category: healthy and inclusive neighborhoods, 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.) More details: https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/about/about-initiative_en

- in EIT Digital: research-based digital technologies (deep tech) for digital solutions especially in the fields of fintech, edutech, insurtech and cyber security. This is not a closed list, any further idea around digital as enabler not fitting the other thematic categories is welcome. More details in Strategic Innovation Agenda 2022-2024 - EIT Digital: https://www.eitdigital.eu/our-messages/history-strategy-annual-reports/strategic-innovation-agenda-2022-2024/

- in Rebuild Ukraine: expecting ideas from all thematic fields which participate in the EIT Jumpstarter program (Health, Food, RawMaterials, Manufacturing, Digital, 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[7]. The aim of the category is to provide special support to Ukrainian innovators in their start-up development and prevent brain drain from the country.

e. Additional information such as 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 basis for their evaluation.

f. 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, Kosovo[8], Türkiye, Ukraine, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).

g. Additional eligible countries in RawMaterials field: all Horizon Europe eligible countries.

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[7] EIT KICs reserve the right to revise this criteria in exceptional and justified cases.
[8] 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.

h. Additional eligible countries in Food field: all countries eligible for Horizon Europe funding under condition that only up to 1 cohort out of 5 selected idea holders or start-up founders are the citizens or residents of other than listed in point (f) countries eligible for Horizon Europe funding.

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

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.

3. Funding terms

Financing is based on teams, no matter if the team is represented by 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 Trainings phase: Selected teams will have a budget of 2,000 € to cover their own individual travel and accommodation costs attending the local trainings as well as to finance other eligible project development activities.
2. Grand Final phase: Each of the 54 finalist teams will have a budget of additional 1,000 € to cover their own individual travel and accommodation costs to attend the Grand Final in-person as well as to finance other eligible project development activities.

Basic eligibility criteria for funding are to sign the consent form or the subgranting agreement (all participating team members) and submit 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.

Prize is another form of financial support in the programme. In each categories winners of the EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final will receive:

1st 10,000€
2nd 5,000€
3rd 2,500€

and one Special prize available for the finalists coming from Western Balkans regardless of their category: 5,000€

These are non-dilutive awards. Winners must provide the necessary documents (start-up creation legal documents and other award documents) by 31st December 2023 to receive the prize. In case a prize winner cannot receive the prize (e.g. resigns, cannot submit all the required document on time, receives higher prize), the next eligible team in the ranking is entitled to receive the respective prize.

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4. EIT Community's representation

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

Finalists are eligible to be interviewed and they shall participate in any interview the organizers request from them during the Grand Final. After the Grand Final some participants might receive an interview request from a medium trough the organizers, then can either accept or decline the request.

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 you are using or you should mention the EIT Jumpstarter account, if it is available on that platform (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, others).

Participants shall not portray the programme in a bad light, this might result in an exclusion from the programme. It is recommended to promote the programme as the ambassador among local networks.

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, EIT Digital and for the New European Bauhaus and Rebuild Ukraine categories for the EIT Jumpstarter are handled under confidentiality. Everybody that 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 purposes of the Competition.

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. The organizer and their authorized representatives in the programme undertake to ensure the confidentiality of the ideas and projects 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 EIT Jumpstarter.

6. Key dates

- Deadline for submitting business ideas: 16 April 2023 at 23:59 CET
- Selection of ideas and invitation to the Online Bootcamps: 5 May 2023
- Online Bootcamps will be held online in May-June 2023 (to be defined)

- Local joint trainings: July-September 2023 (to be defined)
- Grand Final: November or December 2023 (to be defined)

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

7. How to get in touch

For general program-related questions, please contact us here

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

- Contact from EIT Health: Mrs. Anna Mihók-Péli
- Contact from EIT RawMaterials: Mr. Imre Gombkötő
- Contact from EIT Food: Mr. Adam Strzelecki
- Contact from EIT InnoEnergy: Mr. Piotr Pawelec
- Contact from EIT Manufacturing: Ms. Patricia Karrer
- Contact from EIT Urban Mobility: Ms. Anna Burgués
- Contact from EIT Digital: Mr. Tuan Trinh
- Contact for New European Bauhaus and Rebuild Ukraine categories: Mr. Balázs Kele

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

8. Overview of the organising Knowledge and Innovation Communities

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an independent EU body that is boosting 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 centres 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 program: EIT Food, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Health, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Manufacturing, EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Digital.

Cross-KIC Strategic Regional Innovations 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, eligible for EIT Regional Innovation Scheme and the Western-Balkans.

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 innovator countries in Europe according to the European Innovation Scoreboard.

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 of 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.

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, organisations 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.

8.4 Overview of EIT InnoEnergy

EIT InnoEnergy is the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe supported by the EIT. For us, true sustainability also means an industry that's commercially viable, endlessly innovative, and highly competitive.
We make this possible by helping Europe adopt pioneering new technologies, without risk or complexity. From mobility to construction - from renewable energy sources to smarter storage solutions - our commercially attractive technologies are the product of a trusted ecosystem for sustainable energy. We invested over €560 million into more than 480 sustainable energy innovations, all on track to generate €16 billion in commercial revenues by 2026. 90% of our start-ups already work with global brand names including ABB, BMW, EDF, Engie, Tata Steel and Vattenfall. Our rich network of more than 500 key players from 18 different countries enables us to be a key vehicle for the energy transition.

8.5 Overview of EIT Manufacturing

EIT Manufacturing is an Innovation Community within the EIT – that connects the leading manufacturing actors in Europe. Fueled by a strong interdisciplinary and trusted community, we will add unique value to European products, processes, 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 are able to attract investors and

accede venture capital. For that purpose, EIT Manufacturing community boasts more than 130 members and network partners, including leading industry players, universities and research institutes.

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 in order 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, 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 € 400 million (2020-2026), will help make this happen.

8.7 Overview of EIT Digital

EIT Digital embodies the future of innovation by mobilizing a pan-European multi-stakeholder open-innovation ecosystem of more than 300 top European corporations, SMEs, startups, universities and research institutes, where students, researchers, engineers, business developers and investors address the technology, talent, skills, business and capital needs of digital entrepreneurship. EIT Digital builds the next generation of digital ventures, digital products and services, and breeds digital entrepreneurial talent, helping business and entrepreneurs to be at the frontier of digital innovation by providing them with technology, talent, and growth support.

Since its launch, EIT Digital has equipped more than 3,500 students with the skills to innovate and become entrepreneurs; we have supported more than 780 startups and scaleups to grow internationally, created more than 265 new ventures, and launched more than 530 products and services commercially. EIT Digital continues to build on these strong achievements and in the coming years will further accelerate its venture creation activities to further develop its stand-up, start-up, scale-up innovation funnel.

The core of this funnel is the Innovation Factory that creates ventures from open innovation activities carried out by the EIT Digital partnership. This is complemented by the DeepHack, the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) Venture Programme and Innovation and Entrepreneurship activities in the education programmes. The EIT Digital Accelerator is focused on scaling these ventures by supporting them in their growth especially with respect to access to finance and access to market.