



WORK PROGRAMME 2025

What are the main elements?

4 MAIN FUNDING SCHEMES

€ BUDGET: €1.4 billion*

EIC PATHFINDER

€262 m



Funding for early-stage technology research and development

Grants per project MAX €4 m



EIC Pathfinder Open [€142 million]
APPLY BY 21 MAY 2025



EIC Pathfinder Challenges [€120 million]
APPLY BY 29 OCTOBER 2025

EIC TRANSITION

€98 m



Funding for technology validation and commercialisation

Grants per project MAX €2.5 m



EIC Transition Open [€98 million]
APPLY BY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025

EIC ACCELERATOR

€634 m



Funding for commercialisation and scale-up

Grants per company MAX €2.5 m

Equity investments per company MAX €10 m



EIC Accelerator Open [€384 million] and Challenges [€250 million]
APPLY ANYTIME



Full application by:
12 MARCH 2025
1 OCTOBER 2025

EIC STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR EUROPE PLATFORM [STEP] SCALE UP €300 m



Equity investments to catalyse larger investments to companies with pre-commitments from investors



Digital, deep tech, biotech, clean tech
SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ANYTIME

* The total budget consists of the programme parts highlighted in the factsheet, along with several other actions, bringing the total budget to €1.4 billion.



BUSINESS ACCELERATION SERVICES

For all EIC awardees, as well as selected applicants:

- Access to **coaches, mentors, expertise** and **training**
- Access to global partners:** leading corporates, investors, procurers, distributors, clients
- Access to **innovation ecosystem and peers**
- Support** to test EIC innovations for potential clients



Total budget of **€1.4 billion**, a nearly **€200 million** increase compared to 2024.

Launch of a **new €300 million initiative** to provide scale up finance up to €30 million as part of Strategic Technologies for Europe (STEP) with shortened evaluation process and facilitated access to Invest EU Venture Debt support. Award of STEP Seal to facilitate access to alternative and complementary funding.

An additional **€250 million** to support earlier stage companies in specific target technologies such as generative AI, new space, agritech, mobility solutions.

€120 million in targeted funding for emerging technologies guided by EIC Programme Managers, such as autonomous robot collectives, and converting waste to input materials.

Business Acceleration Services enlarged to include emerging companies in widening countries as part of a new EIC pre-accelerator scheme.

EIC Pathfinder: Additional emphasis in the application on the potential solutions described in applicants proposals for technology visions.

EIC Transition: More applicants invited to jury interviews; Introduction of Seal of Excellence to facilitate access to other funding for excellent proposals where there is insufficient EIC budget.

EIC Accelerator:

- Investment limit reduced from €15 million to €10 million (higher amounts via STEP Scale Up)
- Applications must have completed Technology Readiness Level 5. Short applications evaluated monthly with results in 4-6 weeks.



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