European Innovation Council

# WORK PROGRAMME 2025
## What's in it for **companies**?

**€934 million**

### Funding for deep tech start-ups and SMEs:

- EIC Accelerator Open: **€384 million**
- EIC Accelerator Challenges: **€250 million**
- STEP scale up financing: **€300 million**

### Easy application process:

- Submit short application anytime via the funding portal for feedback in 4-6 weeks.
- 2 cut-off dates for full applications.
- Best full proposals are invited to pitch to a live expert jury

### EIC Business Acceleration Services boost your growth with:

- **Contracts**: customers and investors
- **Contacts**: community and access to experts
- **Skills**: mentoring and educational programme

## THE **EIC ACCELERATOR** TO SUPPORT COMPANIES

*Funding for commercialisation and scale-up* **€634 m**

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| Grants per company | max **€2.5 m** |
| Equity investments per company | max **€10 m** |

**SHORT APPLICATION ANYTIME**

Full application by:

**12 MARCH 2025**
**1 OCTOBER 2025**

## EIC STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR EUROPE PLATFORM **[ STEP ]**

**Co-investments between €10 and €30 million to catalyse major funding rounds of up to at least €50 to €150 million**

**SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ANYTIME**

# EIC ACCELERATOR OPEN

*The EIC Open is for companies with proposals that don't match any of the EIC Accelerator Challenge topics. It is open to proposals in any field of technological breakthroughs.*

€ *Indicative budget: €384 million*

# EIC ACCELERATOR CHALLENGES

€ *Indicative budget: €50 million each*

**EIC Accelerator Challenges target the following specific technologies and innovations of strategic interest for the Union:**

## 1 ACCELERATION OF ADVANCED MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT AND UPSCALING ALONG THE VALUE CHAIN

- To develop technologies for designing, synthesising, and scaling up advanced materials, focusing on functionality and performance improvements; to minimise resource use and environmental impact, including critical raw materials, with life-cycle analysis and circularity approaches.

## 2 BIOTECHNOLOGY DRIVEN LOW EMISSION FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

- To develop sustainable biotechnology for materials, enhance crop and livestock farming, reduce ruminant methane, and use precision fermentation, while integrating AI and ensuring lifecycle assessments and regulatory compliance.

## 3 GENAI4EU: CREATING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS IN GENERATIVE AI

- To develop and validate new GenAI models, adapt existing ones for specific sectors, and integrate solutions into workflows for real-life testing, focusing on healthcare, energy, security, public sector, manufacturing, or science and education, while overcoming current limitations and enhancing human-AI interaction.

## 4 INNOVATIVE IN-SPACE SERVICING, OPERATIONS, SPACE-BASED ROBOTICS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR RESILIENT EU SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE

- To develop solutions for extending satellite lifetimes and maintenance in orbit, enhancing in-space transportation and mobility, and improving space-based resilience against cybersecurity threats and space debris.

## 5 BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATIONS FOR FUTURE MOBILITY

- To develop cost-effective, scalable solutions that reduce the environmental footprint of transportation, enhance operational efficiencies and emissions reductions, create sustainable fuels for hard-to-abate sectors, and advance digital tools for increased transport autonomy and sustainability, while adhering to Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) principles and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

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