Getting on track, how Lithuanian deep-tech could hop on the EIC Instruments

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What's holding back EUROPEAN INNOVATION?



PERFORMANCE

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



FUNDING & INVESTMENT

- Financing gaps
- 2 "valleys of death"
- In Transition from lab to enterprise
- Scaling up for highrisk innovative startups

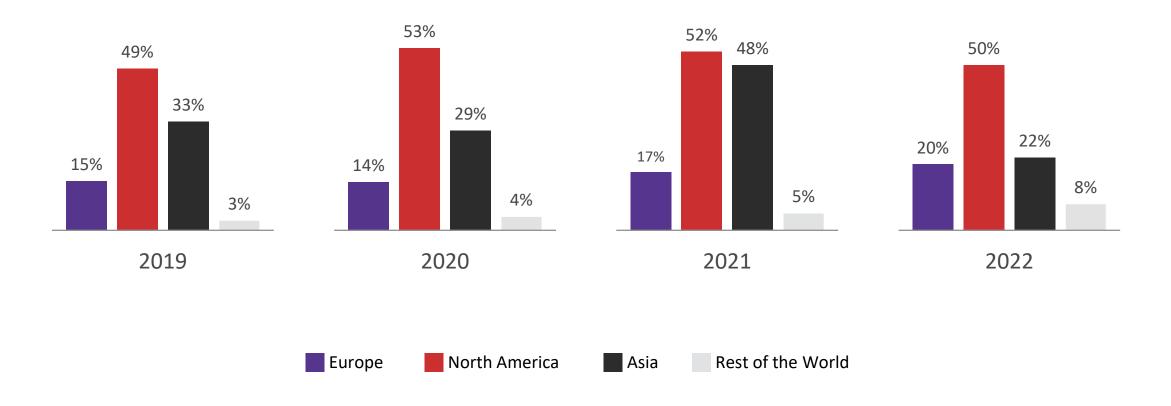


ECOSYSTEM

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



US Venture Capital Investments 4-5 TIMES HIGHER THAN EU







Who will lead the next STRATEGIC INNOVATIONS?

PAST

EU & US LEAD

Electricity, Car, Synthetic, Chemicals, Barcode, Telecoms, Airplane, Antibiotics, Sea Container, Semi-conductors, PC

PRESENT

EU & ASIA LEAD

GPS, Smart phone, Internet, Social media Artificial Intelligence, 3D Printing, Digital Platforms, The Cloud, Blockchain, Internet of Things

FUTURE

Next Leaders?

Agrifood, Artificial Intelligence,
Cancer treatment & companion diagnostics, Cell
and gene therapies, Energy storage
technologies,
Environment Tech, Hydrogen,
Neurotech, New Space technologies
Quantum technologies, Semiconductors
& sustainable electronics,
Transport & Mobility



The Innovation Pillar of HORIZON EUROPE

01. European Innovation Council Support to innovations with breakthrough and market creating potential.

O2. European Institute of Innovation & Technology

Bringing key actors (research, education and business) together around a common goal for nurturing innovation

03. European Innovation Ecosystems

Connecting with regional and national innovation actors





What makes EIC UNIQUE?

01. A European DARPA

- Focus on disruptive high risk breakthrough technologies
- Innovator friendly: flexibility to apply at any time with a short pitch (video pitch, slide deck, 5 page form)
- EIC "Program Managers" to develop visions, proactively manage projects, steer portfolios (based on experience of US DARPA, ARPA-E, BARDA, etc.)

02. EU Unicorn Factory

- Focus on high risk, disruptive startups
 & SMEs with scale up potential
- EIC Fund set to become largest early stage VC investor in Europe, crowding in other investors.
- Flexible follow up funding ("Transition") to create business opportunities out of research results.

03. An upgraded Innovation Community

- EIC Community a box full of exciting business acceleration services and an extensive innovation ecosystem is waiting for EIC beneficiary
- EIC Forum bringing together innovation ecosystem actors from across Europe
- Horizon Europe "innovation ecosystems" program to support networking and joint initiatives between ecosystem actors
- Partnerships with European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), European Research Council (ERC) and others.



EIC IMPACTS (From 2022)

CROWDING IN OTHER INVESTMENTS

- € 10 billion follow up investments to EIC supported companies
- Leverage effect: 2.6 times private coinvestment on EIC Fund investments
- 12 unicorns value € 1 billion+
- 112 centaurs value € 100 million+

ADDRESSING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Main thematic in:
 - √ Green Deal
 - **√** Digital
 - √ Health

GROWING SUPPORT TO STARTUPS & SMEs

- **1600** supported since 2014
- 410 selected for blended finance with € 2.18 billion equity proposed
- Increase in startups with female CEOs

A PIPELINE OF BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGIES

- 400 research projects
- 800 innovations tracked
- Pilot of Transition funding to follow up research results into applications



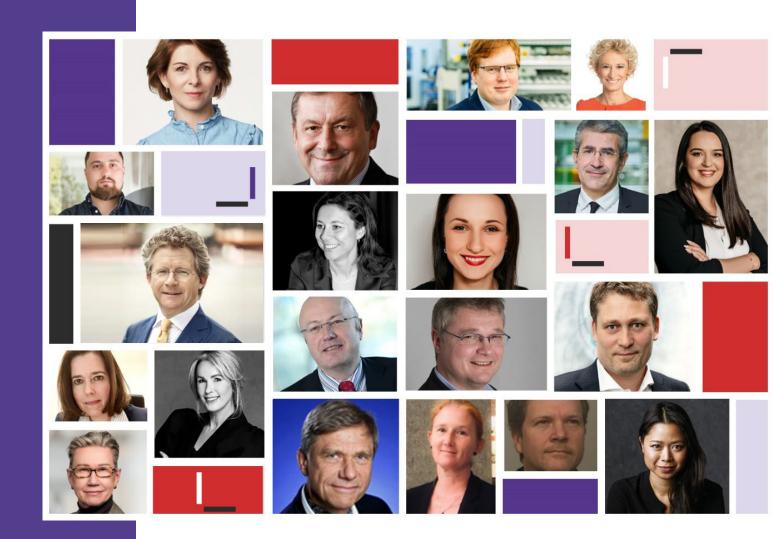
EIC Board

ROLE TO ADVISE:

EIC strategy

DIVERSE EXPERTISE:

- Entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, innovation ecosystem
- Gender balance (parity), geographic balance (20 nationalities)





EIC Proactive Management

- Strategic assessment and clustering of projects
- Building of portfolios based on strategic intelligence
- Portfolio management (scientific and business advice)
- IP management advice (in collaboration with the technology transfer offices)







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EIC PROGRAMME MANAGERS





EIC GOVERNANCE

EIC Board & President

• To advice on strategy & implementation

European Commission

To define strategy, adopt the Work
 Programme & appoint the EIC board

EISMEA

 Implementation of EIC, hosting EIC programme managers

EIB & AIFM

• To manage EIC fund equity investments



Lithuania's participation in the EIC



- 46 projects
- €34 million awarded
- Sectors: Health, ICT, satellite, transport, agri food, etc.

Pathfinder

- Pathfinder Open 9 projects €4.2M
- Pathfinder Challenges 2 projects €1.9M

Accelerator

- SME Instrument Phase1 30 projects (€1.5M grants for business plan or feasibility study)
- Full EIC projects 5 projects (€9M in grants and €17.5M in equity for technology development and market scale-up)



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