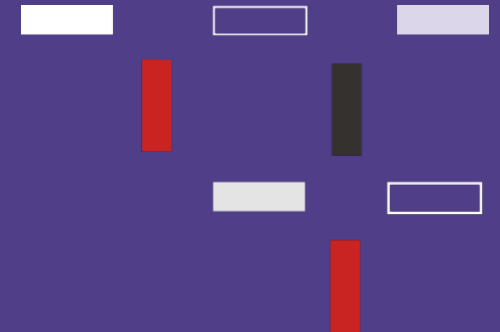
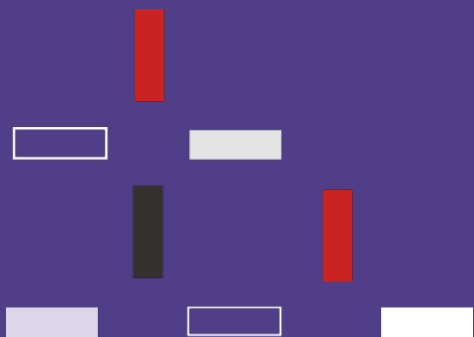


# EIC in a nutshell: from Pathfinder to Accelerator

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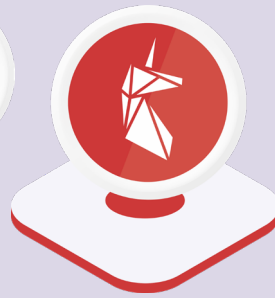
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## EIC PRIZES

- Women innovators
- Capital of innovation
- Innovation procurement
- Social innovation
- Horizon
- Humanitarian Innovation



## SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

Fast track to other funding



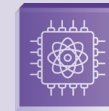
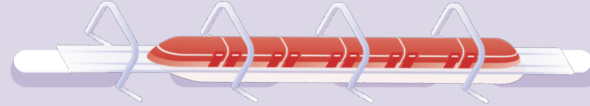
## EIC ACCELERATOR SERVICES

- Mentors, coaches
- Global partners
- Innovation ecosystems
- EIC Community Platform



## EIC ACCELERATOR

- For single companies
- Grants up to €2.5 million
- Equity up to €15 million or above
- To enter the market & scale-up (TRL 6-9)



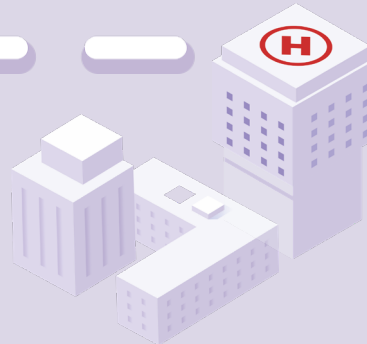
## EIC TRANSITION

- For consortia & single companies
- Grants up to €2.5 million
- To develop business cases (TRL 4-6)



## EIC PATHFINDER

- For consortia
- Grants up to €4 million
- To research technology breakthroughs (TRL 1-4)



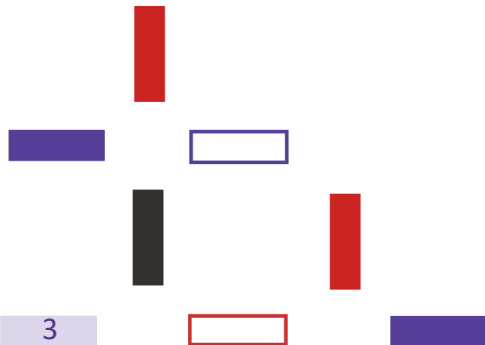
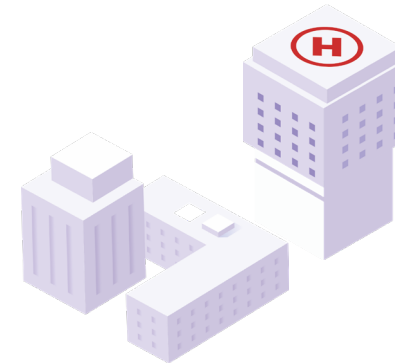
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## WHO CAN APPLY & WHAT FOR?

### PATHFINDER

Consortia of at least 3 different independent legal entities established in at least 3 different eligible countries. Additionally, single applicants or small consortia (2 partners) for EIC Pathfinder Challenges only.

Grants of up to €3 million (open) or €4 million (challenges, or more if duly justified, to achieve the proof of principle and validate the scientific basis of breakthrough technology (Technology Readiness Levels 1-4))

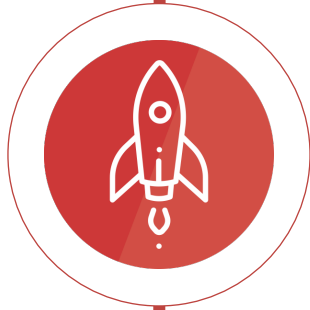




# TRANSITION

Single applicants (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organisations, universities) or small consortia (2 partners) or consortia of 3 to 5 different independent legal entities established in at least 3 different eligible countries. *Proposals must build on eligible EU-funded project results.*

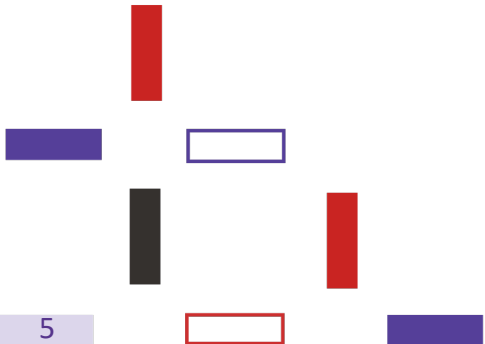
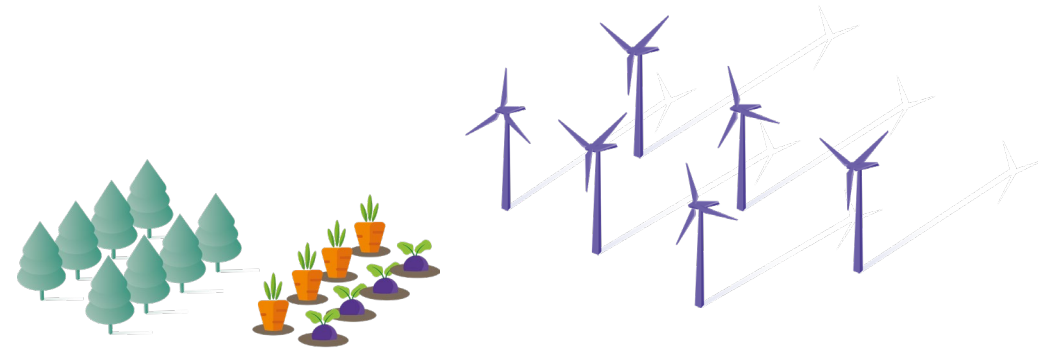
Grants of up to €2.5 million to validate and demonstrate technology *in application-relevant environment (Technology Readiness Levels 4 to 5/6) and develop market readiness.*



## EIC ACCELERATOR

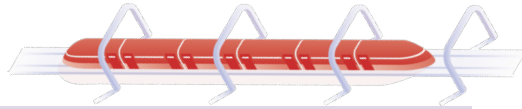
Grants for up to €2.5 million for developing your innovation (TRL 5/6 to 8)  
Investments of €0.5 up to €15 million in the form of direct equity or convertible loans for scaling up your innovation and attracting co-investors

Single start-ups and SMEs (including spin-outs), individuals (intending to launch a start-up/SME) and in exceptional cases small mid-caps (fewer than 499 employees)



# EIC ACCELERATOR PROCESS

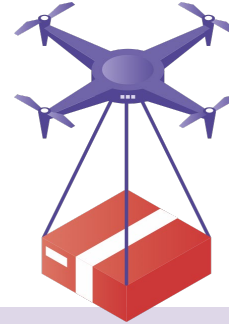
## Step 1



### IDEA PRESENTATION

- Applicants have a disruptive / deep tech idea with a potential to scale up. Submissions of short proposals are possible at any time. Evaluation by remote evaluators within 4 weeks.

## Step 2



### SUBMISSION

- Successful step 1 applicants submit their full proposal to regular cut-off deadlines, to be assessed by remote evaluators.
- To help you draft your full proposal, you will be entitled to receive 3 days of remote coaching from the EIC Business Acceleration Services.

## Step 3



### PITCH

- Successful Step 2 applicants will pitch their innovation in front of EIC Jury Members. If selected, applicants will be awarded funding.
- ⦿ If not selected, applicants will be awarded a Seal of Excellence to help you secure funding from other sources as well as get support from EIC Business Acceleration Services.

# EIC OPEN & CHALLENGES OVERVIEW 2023



## EIC PATHFINDER

## EIC TRANSITION

## EIC ACCELERATOR

### OPEN

#### DEADLINES

- 7 March 2023
- 12 April 2023
- 27 September 2023
- Short Applications: Continuous
- Full Applications 2023: 11.01 - 22.03 - 21.06 - 04.10

#### INDICATIVE BUDGET

- € 179.50 MILLION
- € 67.86 MILLION
- € 611.75 MILLION

### CHALLENGES

#### DEADLINES/CUT-OFFS

- 18 October 2023
- 12 April 2023
- 27 September 2023
- Short Applications: Continuous
- Full Applications 2023: 22.03 - 21.06 - 04.10

#### INDICATIVE BUDGET

- € 163.50 MILLION
- € 60.50 MILLION
- € 523.49 MILLION

#### CHALLENGES

- Clean & efficient cooling
- Construction digitalisation
- Precision nutrition
- Responsible electronics
- In-space solar energy
- Micro-Nano-Bio devices
- Environmental intelligence
- Chip-scale optical frequency combs
- Biomarkers for cancer
- Decontamination for pandemic management
- Energy storage
- New European Bauhaus
- Quantum or Semiconductor components
- Resilient agriculture
- Space technologies & services

# EIC 2024 – what to expect?

15 January 2024

## NEW EIC Work Programme!

- SAVE THE DATE for "European Innovation Council **online** Info Day - Work Programme 2024" on 15 January 2024

Cut-off dates TBC!

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS

- For short proposals - any time during the year.
- Cut-off dates for full proposals and challenges:
- EIC Pathfinder - tbc
  - EIC Transition - tbc
  - EIC Accelerator – March & Sept., 2024 tbc

18-19 March, 2024

## EIC Summit 2024

- Will be part of the EU Research & Innovation week.
  - 18 March, joint opening of R&I Days.
  - 19 March, fully dedicated to EIC beneficiaries.
  - Includes the Belgian Presidency event on Innovative Procurement.
- Ⓞ Brussels, Tour & Taxis





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