# EIC arbetsprogram och Eurostars 2025 11:00-11:45





# Incheckning!

Var kommer ni ifrån? Hur väl känner ni till Horisont Europa, pelare III?



# EuropeanInnovationCouncil



#### **EIC PRIZES**

- Women innovators
- Capital of innovation





#### **EIC ACCELERATOR SERVICES**

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





#### SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

Fast track to other funding





#### **EIC STEP**

Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform

- Co-investments up to €30 million
- Digital, deep tech, biotech, clean tech

#### **EIC ACCELERATOR**

- For single companies
- Grants up to €2.5 million
- Equity up to €10 million
- To enter the market & scale-up (TRL 6-9)





#### **EIC TRANSITION**

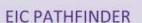
- For consortia & single companies
- Grants up to €2.5 million To develop business cases
- o (TRL 4-6)





#### **EIC PROGRAMME MANAGERS**

- In-house leading experts
- Identifying potential challenges in emerging deep tech areas
- Pro-actively managing EIC Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator portfolios



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





# EIC Pathfinder

#### Pathfinder calls 2025 – Summary table

	Pathfinder Open	Pathfinder Challenges
Total budget	€142 million	€120 million
Proposals	Up to €3 M	Up to €4 M
Funding rate	100% of eligible costs	100% of eligible costs
Opening	20 February 2025	28 July 2025
Deadline	21 May 2025 at 17.00 CET	29 October 2025 at 17.00 CET
TRL-level	Achieving TRL 3 or 4	Achieving TRL 3 or 4
Who can apply?	Only Consortia can apply	Smaller consortia (at least two eligible entities)  Larger consortia  Single applicants



# **ATHFINDER CHALLENGES**

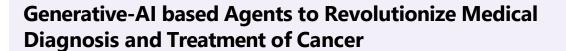
#### EIC Pathfinder challenges 2025



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€ 30 million



€ 30 million



Towards autonomous robot collectives delivering collaborative tasks in dynamic unstructured construction environments

€ 30 million



Waste-to-value devices: Circular production of renewable fuels, chemicals and materials

€ 30 million

**Indicative call budget** 

€ 120 million



# EIC Transition

#### **Transition calls 2025 – Summary table**

	Transition
Total budget	€98 million
Proposals	Up to €2.5 M
Funding rate	100% of eligible costs
Opening	22 April 2025
Deadline	17 September 2025 at 17.00 CET
TRL-level	Achieving TRL 5 or 6
Who can apply?	<b>Single applicants:</b> (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organisations, universities) or <b>Small consortia</b> (minimum 2, maximum 5 eligible entities).



#### Should I apply?



#### Only proceed **IF**

You've identified EUfunded project results with **commercial potential.** 

All following questions receive a **definite "YES"!** 

- Is the novel technology prepared for maturation and validation towards specific, high-potential commercial applications?
- Have you conducted a preliminary market research to identify potential markets and explore potential competitors?
- Do you envisage building a motivated and entrepreneurial team with a mix of skills, (researchers, businesspeople, marketers) to drive the idea towards commercial success?

## EIC Accelerator

#### Accelerator calls 2025 - Summary table

	Accelerator Open	Accelerator Challenges
Total budget	€384 million	€250 million
Proposals	Grant component below EUR 2.5M Investment component EUR 0.5 up to EUR 10	Grant component below EUR 2.5M Investment component EUR 0.5 up to EUR 10
Funding rate	70% of eligible costs	70% of eligible costs
Opening	Short applications: any time	Short applications: any time
Deadline	Full applications: 12 March 2025, 1 October 2025 at 17.00 CET	Full applications: 12 March 2025, 1 October 2025 at 17.00 CET
TRL-level	Starting at TRL 6 to 8	Starting at TRL 6 to 8
Who can apply?	Single start-ups and SMEs	Single start-ups and SMEs



#### **EIC** Accelerator challenges





Acceleration of advanced materials development and upscaling along the value chain

€ 50 million



Biotechnology driven low emission food and feed production systems

€ 50 million



**GenAl4EU: Creating European Champions in Generative Al** 

€ 50 million



Innovative in-space servicing, operations, robotics and technologies for resilient EU space infrastructure

€ 50 million



**Breakthrough innovations for future mobility** 

€ 50 million



€ 250 million

# EIC STEP

#### EIC STEP calls 2025 - Summary table

	STEP
Total budget	€300 million
Proposals	Investment component €10 M up to €30 M
Funding rate	Investment only Pre-commitment required from investors, 20%
Opening	26 November 2024
Deadline	Any time
TRL-level	Final deadline 16 December 2025 No TRL
Who can apply?	Single startups and SMEs, small mid-caps, investors on behalf of eligible companies





#### What is STEP?

## The Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP) <u>Regulation entered into force in March 2024</u>

- 1. Three main strategic technology areas:
  - Digital and deep tech
  - Clean tech
  - Biotech
- Aims to bring major new technologies to Single Market and avoid technology dependencies on other regions
- 3. Implemented in a coordinated way across 11 EU programmes (including Horizon Europe/ EIC) and through Structural Funds (ERDF)





# Introduction to EU SME support



#### Our goal

... is to increase the number of successful applications for financial support from EU framework programs, for Swedish small and medium sized enterprises.

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EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP MEETING WITH FOCUS ON SWEDISH COOPERATION WITH FRANCE, GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SWITZERLAND

# Introducing Eurostars

Eurostars spotlights innovative SMEs as the main project partners.

37

participating countries



of anticipated publicprivate investment each year





organisations funded each year



25%









**EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP** 

#### Programme benefits



#### International collaboration

A chance for a brilliant first-time experience of international collaboration



#### Knowledge transfer

Companies are exposed to new ideas and build business relationships with project partners



#### Commercial acceleration

69% of companies enter new markets and 68% improve their market shares



#### Revenue growth

Companies increase their annual turnover





#### Eligibility criteria



- Must be led by an **innovative SME** from a Eurostars country
- At least **two** independent entities
- At least two Eurostars countries
- Eurostars SMEs must be responsible for at least 50% of the
   project budget
- No single participant/country can be responsible for more than 70% of project budget
- Project duration: maximum **36 months**
- Project has an exclusively civilian purpose

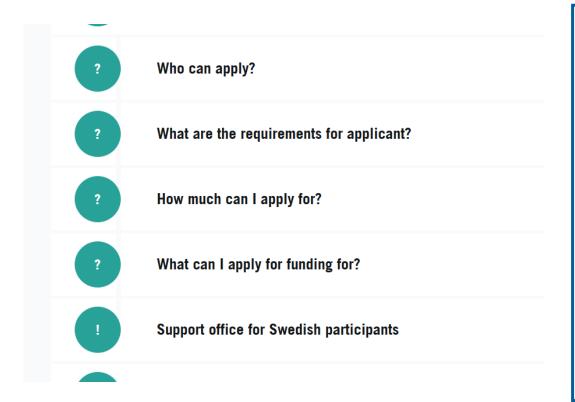








#### National Eligibility Criteria - Eurostars Vinnova



- Companies must have submitted at least 2 annual reports to the Swedish Companies Registration Office.
- Companies must be Swedish limited liability companies
- Companies must have a place of business in Sweden
- Companies must be registered as employers with the Swedish Tax Agency
- We assess legal and financial status of the applicants
- We only check the last registered annual report and it is not possible to update applications or data for the evaluation after the call has closed



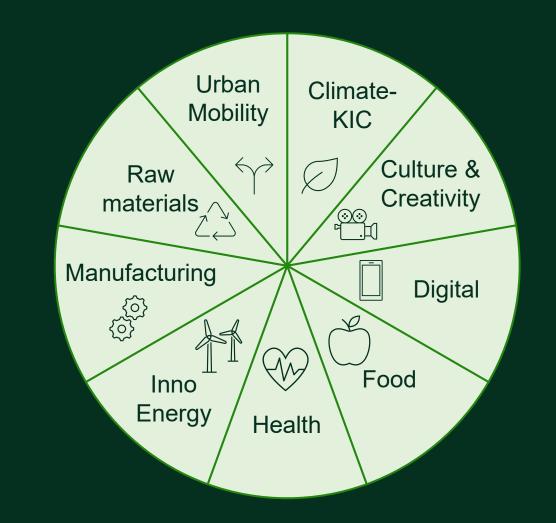






#### European Institute of Technology - EIT

#### **Knowledge & Innovation Communities** (KICs)







# Join Europe's largest digital innovation ecosystem



#### EIT RawMaterials

We connect Europe's biggest knowledge and innovation community, help you overcome innovation challenges, access funding opportunities, and upskill and train talent.





#### Möt oss på Innovationstorget!

## Thank you!









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