EIC Accelerator Pilot

1. Introduction

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What is the EIC Accelerator Pilot?

- Accelerator programme by European Innovation Council (EIC) as part of the Horizon 2020 programme (former SME Instrument Phase 2)
- Mono-beneficiary (other partners as sub-contractor)
- No set topics
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL) ≥ 6
What is the aim of the EIC Accelerator?

To develop and bring new innovative products, services and business model to the market that could drive economic growth and have the potential to scale up
Who is the EIC looking for?

- **For-profit small or medium-sized enterprises** (incl. start-ups) with global ambitions ([SME self assessment questionnaire](#))

- Established in the EU or countries associated to Horizon 2020

- **High-risk, high potential** SME that have ground-breaking concepts that could shape **new markets** or **disrupt existing ones** in Europe and globally

- From any sector
## What kind of funding is offered?

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<th>Blended finance</th>
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<td>0.5 - 2.5 million EUR grant (70% funding rate)</td>
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<td>Activities from Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6-8</td>
<td>Up to 15 million EUR as equity financing</td>
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<td>Demonstrate ability to secure other resources for activities above TRL 8</td>
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How to participate?

- Continuously open call with **5 cut-off dates** (pilot phase)
- Applicants can submit their proposal at any time before the last cut-off
- Proposal: **30 pages** (sections 1-3: Excellence, Impact, Implementation)
- Two-stage **evaluation process**
- If proposal is successful, you will be invited to prepare the **EIC Grant Agreement** and, if applicable, an **Investment Agreement** with the EIC fund

An SME cannot submit a proposal if it has submitted another proposal for which the evaluation feedback has not yet been provided or if it is currently benefiting from an EIC Accelerator Pilot / SME Instrument grant, either Phase 1 or Phase 2.
Cut-off Dates

9 October 2019
8 January 2020
18 March 2020
19 May 2020
7 October 2020 (final date of pilot phase)

17:00:00 Brussels time
What is new compared to the SME Instrument Phase 2?

Changes in the application process:
- New submission templates
- Revised criteria and weightings
- Revised setup, process and criteria
- New Model Grant Agreement

Additional Information required:
- Simplified financials (P&L, cashflows, balance sheet, metrics and ratios)
- Up-to-date financial data
- Company financing history
- Company ownership and capital structure
- Pitch Deck for the Interview
What does Euresearch offer?

For Swiss Applicants we offer:

**EIC Accelerator Pilot Info Events**
**EIC Accelerator Pilot Applicant Trainings**

Go to [Event Page of Euresearch](#) or register to e-Alerts to be informed about upcoming events

**Expert Advice** (contact your Euresearch company advisors and/or NCP)
**Proposal Reviews** (contact NCP for SME at Euresearch)
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2 Documents
3 Evaluation Process and Criteria
4 TRL
5 Summary
6 Pitch Deck
7 Financial Statement