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News from EIC for intermediairies

Final event 200SMEChallenge

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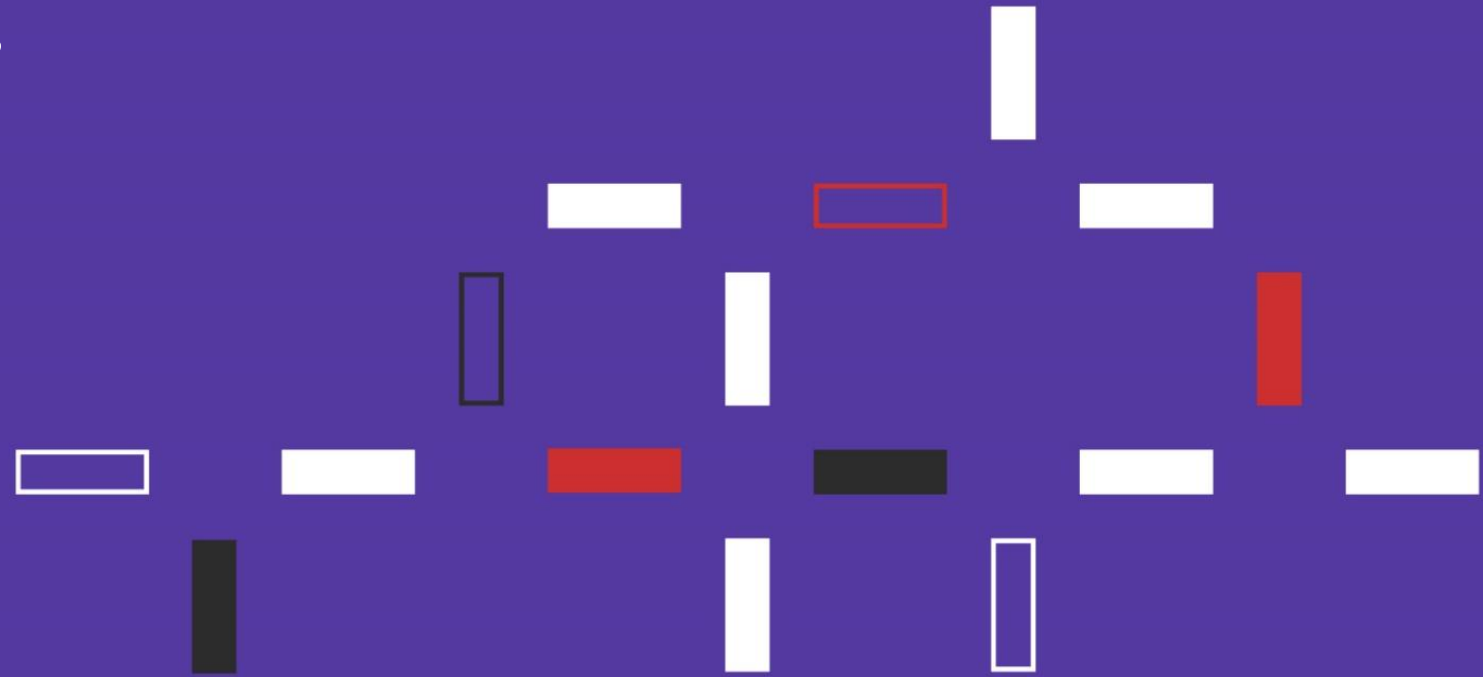

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- Pathfinder
- Transition
- Accelerator

Programme Managers
Business Acceleration Services

EU and place-based Innovation Ecosystems

- European Innovation Ecosystems (part of EIC)
- Innosup legacy
- Interregional Innovation Investments (I3 DG Regio)

Single Market Programme

- COSME Pillar
- Internal Market
  - Standardisation
  - Consumers

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EIC main instruments and characteristics

Pathfinder
- **Early stage research** on breakthrough technologies
- Grants up to €3/4 million
- Successor of FET (Open & Proactive)

Transition
- **Technology maturation** from proof of concept to validation
- **Business & market readiness**
- Grants up to €2.5 million

Accelerator
- **Development & scale up** of deep-tech/ disruptive innovations by startups/ SMEs
- Blended finance (grants up to €2.5 million; equity investment up to €15 million)
- Successor of SME instrument

- Mission to **identify, develop and deploy high risk innovations** of all kinds
- Focus on **breakthrough, market-creating, deep-tech**

1. **Steered by EIC Board** of leading innovators (entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, ecosystem)
2. **Business Acceleration Services** (coaches/ mentors, corporates, investors, ecosystem)
3. **Pro-active management** (roadmaps, reviews, re-orientations, etc) with EIC Programme Managers
4. **Follow up funding for results from Horizon** (ERC, EIT, collaborative) & national programmes

Key Features of other programmes managed by EISMEA

Single Market programme

COSME Pillar
- Essentially for business intermediaries as direct beneficiaries (Enterprise Europe Network…)
- Specialized Networks, studies, pan European platforms

Standardisation
- Essentially for Standardisation associations

Consumers
- European Consumer Network and other activities related to consumers

Key Features of other programmes managed by EISMEA

EU and placed based Ecosystems

European Innovation Ecosystems (DG R&I) *new !*

- WP 2021-2022 Essentially for business intermediaries as direct beneficiaries but opportunities for SMEs (Third party calls)

Innosup Legacy (DG Grow)

- No new calls. Still some third party calls to be launched by new cluster facilitated value chains projects (Innosup01). Access to open innovation services (Pitch project) and advanced manufacturing support (Innosup08)
- Programme results published soon (Services Innovation services, SME targeting for Innovation agencies, RCT testing)

Interregional Innovation Investments (DG Regio) *new !*

- Essentially for business intermediaries, actors of quadruple helix but opportunities for SMEs (Third party calls, tbc)

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Innovation trends

General EU trends

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

PRESSURE ON DEMOCRATIC MODELS OF GOVERNANCE AND VALUES

DIGITAL HYPERCONNECTIVITY AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

SHIFTS IN THE GLOBAL ORDER AND DEMOGRAPHY

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General EU trends

the world is becoming increasingly multipolar, with economic weight shifting eastwards

EU Innovation trends (SMEs)

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- EIC
  - combination of grants and equity
  - Interconnection to other initiatives (EIT KICs, Start-up Europe) with access to « fast track »
  - Better consideration of « deep tech »
  - Enhanced business acceleration services
  - Green & digital as priorities
- Other programmes
  - Same priorities + recovery (COSME)
  - Connection to the EIC
  - Sometimes sub-granting to SMEs (Innosup01 projects still launching calls until 2023 approx)
  - Good essential service coverage by the Enterprise Europe Network (Internationalisation, Innovation management, IP…)

EU Innovation trends (Intermediaries)

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- Better pan-European connectivity of ecosystems
- Both European (European Innovation Ecosystems) and Regional (I3) dimensions addressed in the future
- Smooth regional integration into S3 objectives
- Build on results of the previous programmes

Results from Innosup

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Published

- Horizon 2020, INNOSUP-1 cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu) > published in Q3
- Study on the effectiveness of public innovation support for SMEs in Europe - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu)

> March 2021

- Overview of Innosup projects in the area of blockchains

>September 2021

Results from Innosup

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To come

- Handbook of service design for Innovation Agencies, building on results of Innosup05, peer learning of Innovation Agencies (EISMEA in-house production) > October

- First report about RCT experimentation in Innovation Agencies (external contractor) > October

- Study about results of two projects in the area of SME segmentation experiments, Innosup07-2017 (external experts) > November

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Funding opportunities

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EIE WP: Budget and call planning

EUROPEAN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS (EIE) WORK PROGRAMME 2021 - 2022

		Destinations/Calls/topics	Budget (EUR million) 2021	Budget (EUR million) 2022	Type of action
CONNECT	2021 - Call 1:	Preparatory action for setting up joint programmes among innovation ecosystems actors	4		CSA
		Building capabilities in innovation procurement	4		CSA
	2022 - Call 1:	Towards more inclusive networks and initiatives in European innovation ecosystems		4	CSA
		Integration of social innovation actors in innovation ecosystems		3	CSA
	2022 - Call 2:	Implementing co-funded action plans for interconnection of innovation ecosystems		8	COFUND
		Stimulating innovation procurement		4,5	COFUND
		Overall indicative budget - CONNECT	**8**	**19,5**	
		Total CONNECT budget 2021-2022	**27,5**		
SCALE UP	2021 - Call 1:	Expanding Acceleration Ecosystems	5		CSA
		Scaling up deep tech ecosystems	5		RIA
		Women TechEU	3,75		CSA
	2022 - Call 1:	Expanding Entrepreneurial Ecosystems		5	CSA
	2022 - Call 2:	Expanding Investments Ecosystems		5	CSA
		Overall indicative budget SCALEUP	**13,75**	**10**	
		Total SCALEUP budget 2021-2022	**23,75**		
INNOVSMES	2021 - Call 1:	European Partnership on Innovative SMEs	35,29	37,89	COFUND Partnership
		Overall indicative budget INNOVSMEs	**35,29**	**37,89**	
		Total InnovSMEs budget 2021-2022	**73,18**		

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		Destinations/Calls/topics	Budget (EUR million) 2021	Budget (EUR million) 2022	Type of action
OTHER ACTIONS		Intellectual Property Helpdesk (IP Helpdesk)	3		Public Procurement
		Use of individual experts on assisting with the monitoring of actions (2021)	0,1		Expert contract action (EC)
		Mapping and scoping of frugal and reverse innovation		0,3	Public Procurement
		Innovative practices in legislation around emerging tech		0,3	Public Procurement
		EIC FORUM support		0,5	Public Procurement
		Commission expert group on EIC FORUM		0,3	Expert contract
		Use of individual experts on assisting with the monitoring of actions (2022)		0,2	Expert contract action (EC)
		Commission fee as EUREKA member (administrative costs)		0,5	Subscription
		Establishment of an indicator system and defining relevant data collection methods		0,3	JRC action
		Overall indicative budget - "Other actions"	**3,1**	**2,4**	
		Total "Other actions" budget 2021-2022	**5,5**		
		TOTAL	**60,14**	**69,79**	
		TOTAL BUDGET EIE WP 2021-2022*	**129,93**		

*(*includes the EUR 2 m of EIC WP budget transfer for the Women TechEU topic)*

EIE WP: Launch and implementation

- **Calls opening for 2021:**

Year	Destinations/ Calls	Topics	Call opening	Call deadline
CONNECT				
2021	Call 1:	HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-01 Preparatory action for setting up joint programmes among innovation ecosystems actors HORIZON-EIE-2021-CONNECT-01-02 Building capabilities in innovation procurement	06-07-2021	26-10-2021
SCALEUP				
2021	Call 1:	HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-01 Expanding Acceleration Ecosystems HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-02 Scaling up deep tech ecosystems HORIZON-EIE-2021-SCALEUP-01-03 Women TechEU	13-07-2021	10-11-2021
INNOVSMES				
2021	Call 1:	HORIZON-EIE-2021-INNOVSMES-01-01 European Partnership on Innovative SMEs	22-06-2021	01-09-2021

Info Day 22 Sept, recordings available here: European Innovation Ecosystems (europa.eu)

Joint Cluster initiative

- **Joint Cluster Initiatives (EUROCLUSTERS) for Europe's recovery (SMP-COSME-2021-CLUSTER)**

- Call was published 29 September, however is not open for applications yet Funding & tenders (europa.eu)

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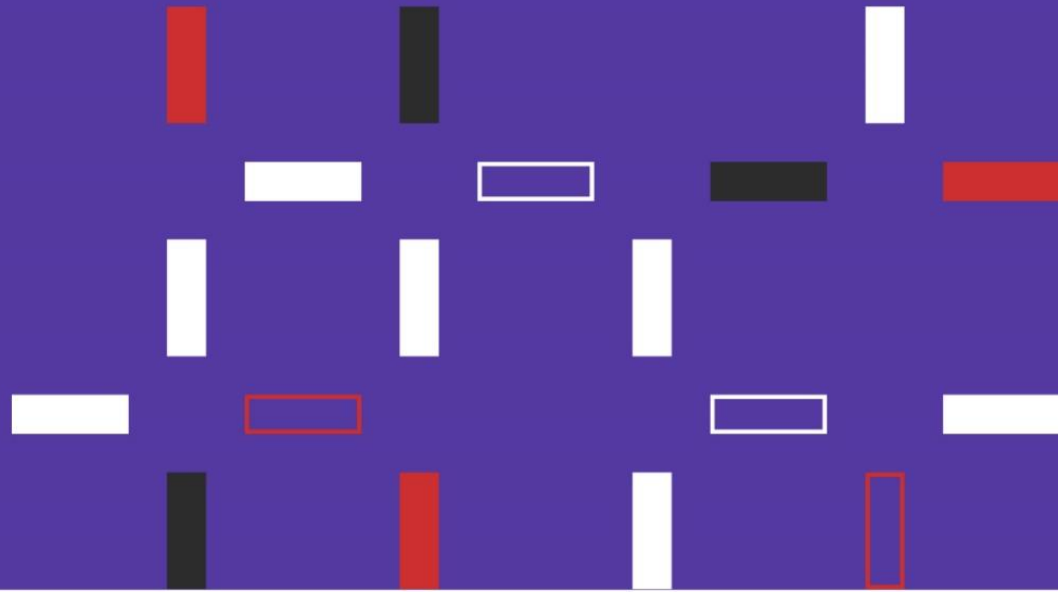
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