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The Next Generation Innovation Talents Internship scheme

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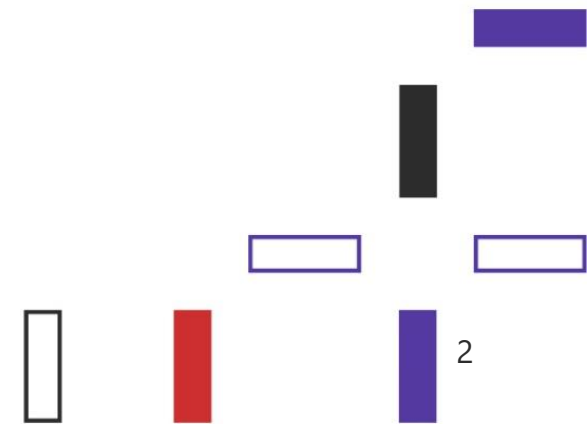
14:30 Welcome

14:40 Innovation Talents in context of EU innovation policy

15:00 Call presentation

15:25 Q&A

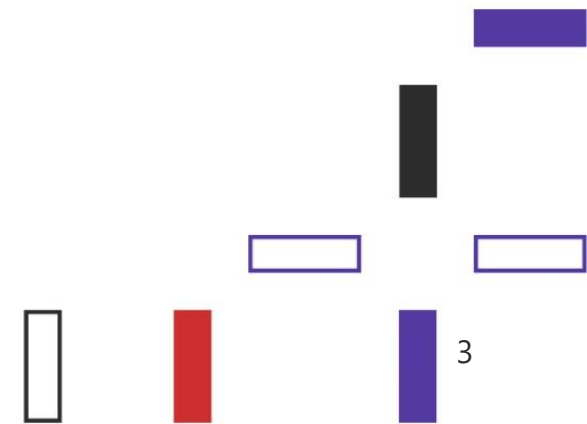
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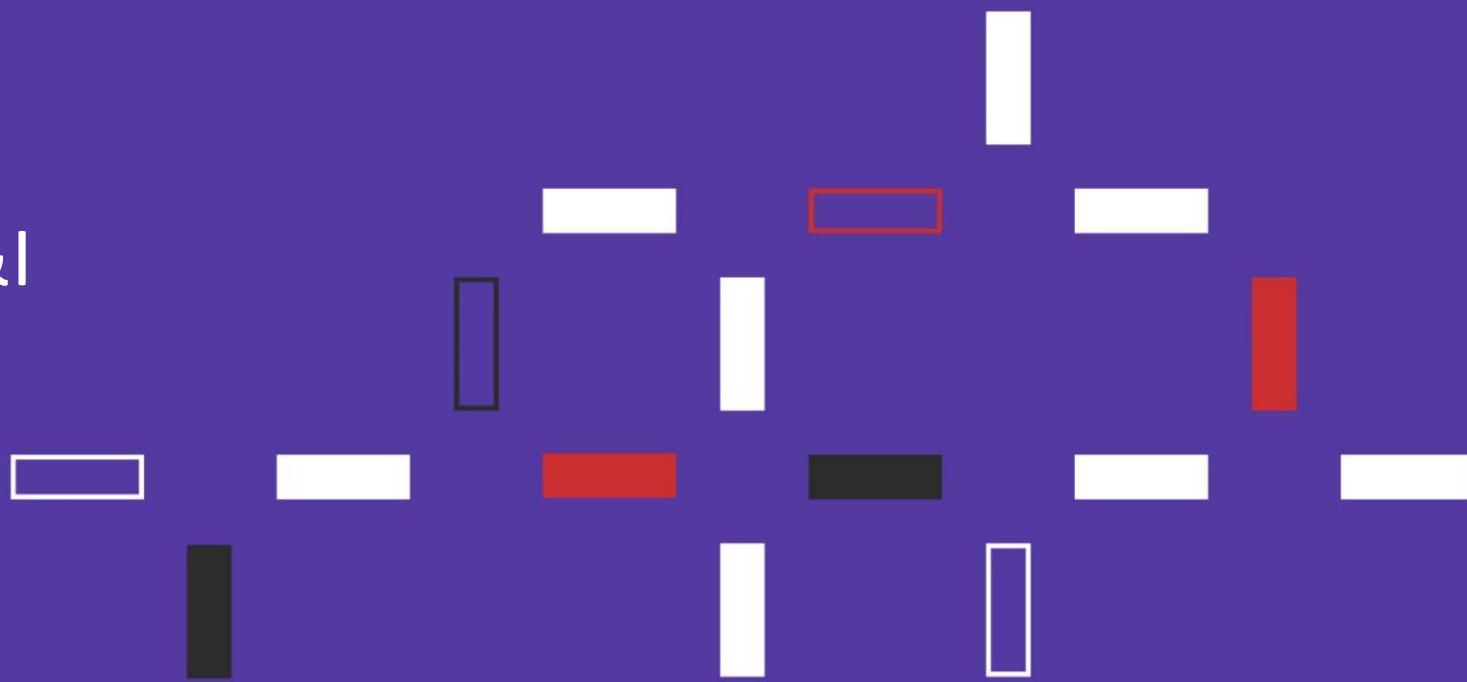




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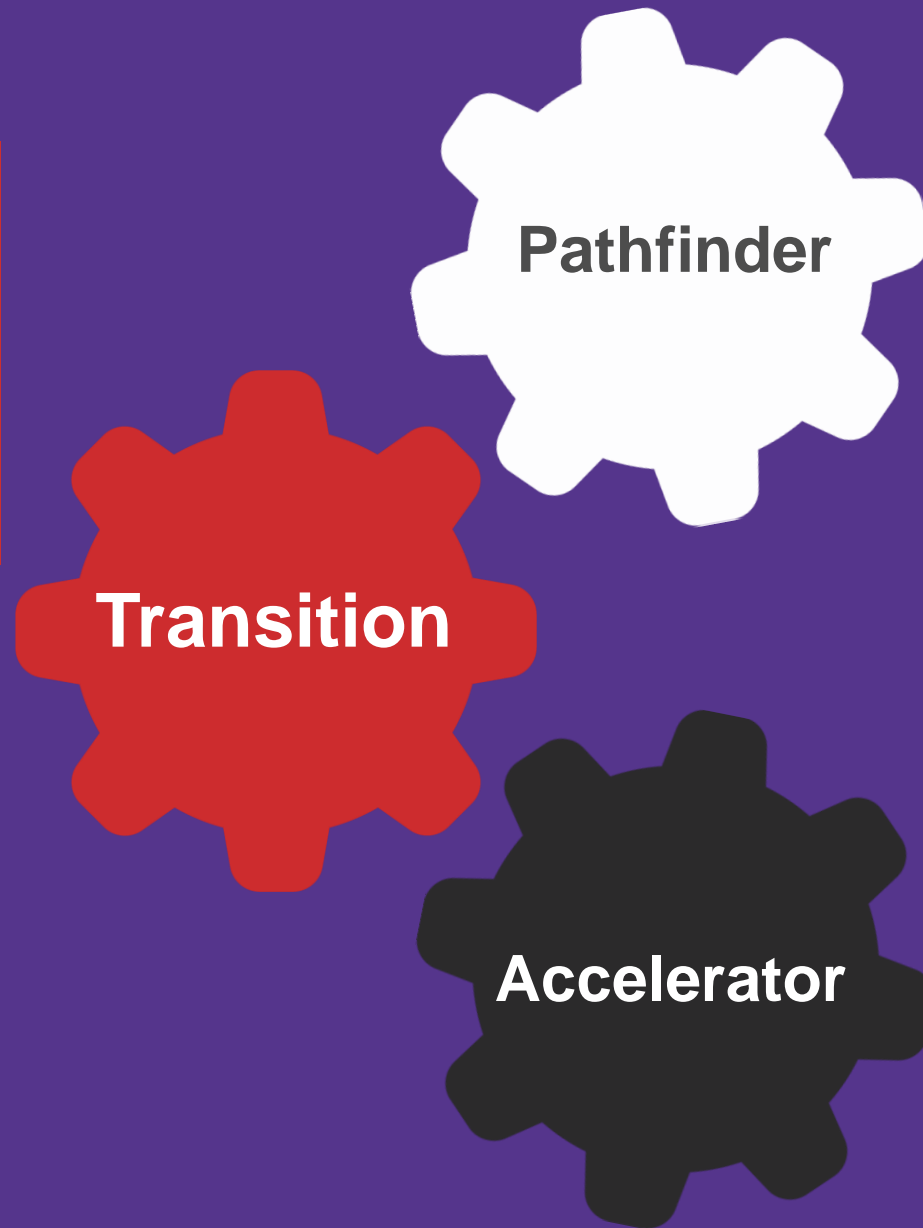




Europe's most ambitious innovation initiative

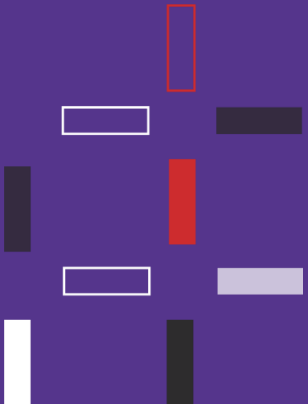
- **€10 billion** programme to identify, develop and scale up breakthrough technologies and disruptive innovations in Europe
- **Bridging the gap** from frontier research to breakthrough innovation
- Set to become **largest deep-tech investor** in Europe (over €3 billion)
- **Enhancing the European innovation ecosystem** (e.g. partnerships with EIT, ERC)
- **Launched** by President von de Leyen, President Macron, et. al. March 2021.
- **In full implementation** - 2021 Work Programme (€1.5 billion); 2022 Work Programme, (€1.7 billion), 2023 Work Programme (€1.7 billion)

- Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation
- Business and market readiness
- Grants up to 2.5 million EUR



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

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

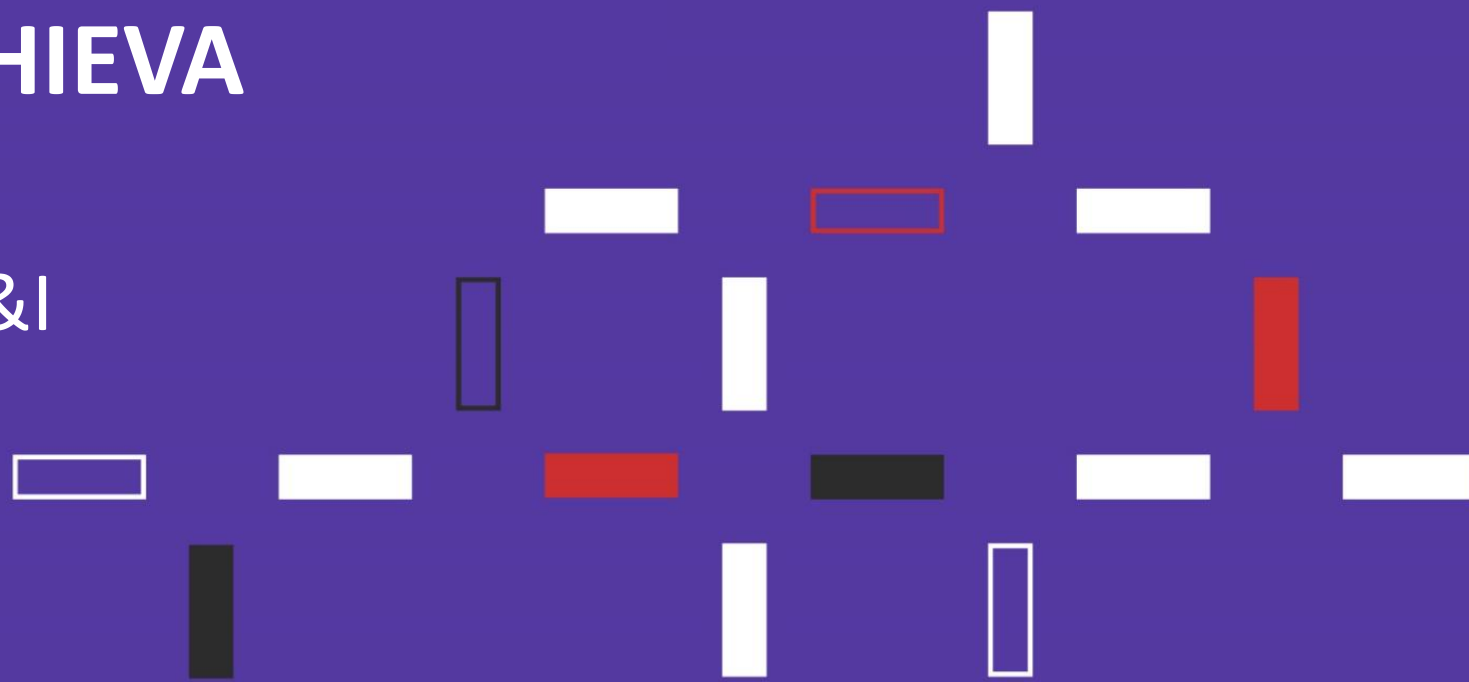




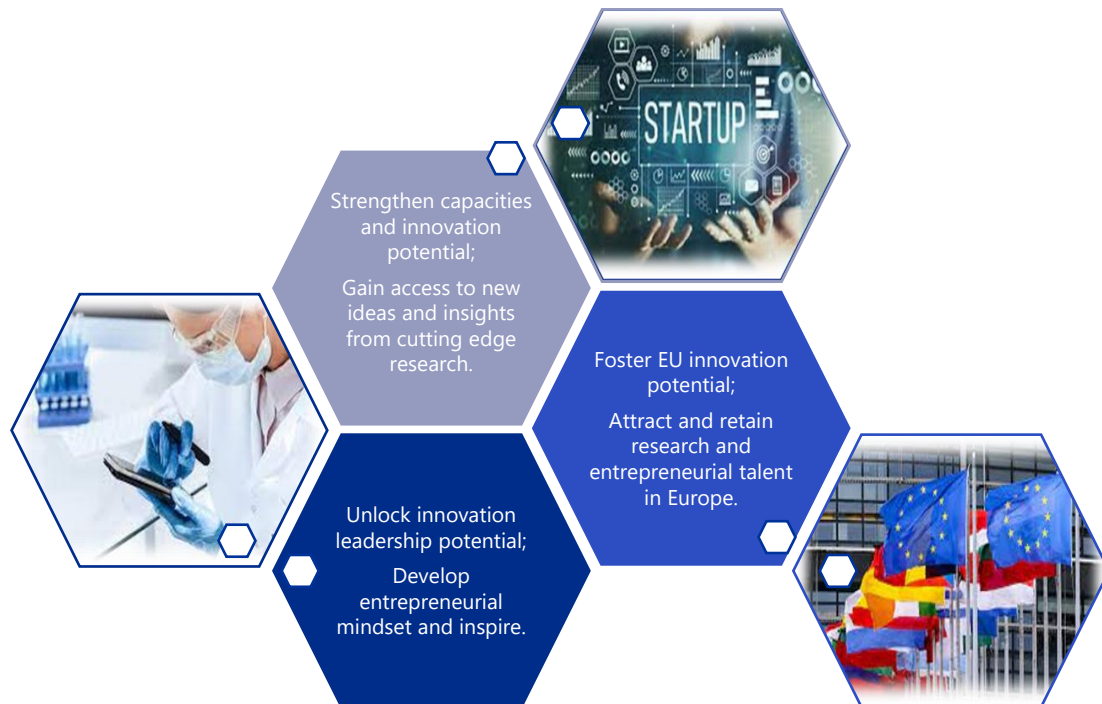
Next Generation Innovation Talents

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Main goals



Specific objectives

- to enable **researchers and aspiring innovators** to better understand and gain direct experience of the complex process of taking innovation beyond invention and help them develop their entrepreneurial mindset
- to provide **innovative start-ups** with access to new ideas and insights from the cutting edge of research, thus accelerating the development of their breakthrough products and services





Who can participate in the Scheme?

Next Generation Innovation Talents

Researchers & Students

EIC Pathfinder, ERC, MSCA, Research Infrastructures, EIT/ KIC

matchmaking

Host companies

EIC Accelerator/ Transition, EIT/ KICs

How does the Scheme look like?

- **Expected number:** 600 internships*
- **Duration:** 3-6 months over 2-year period
- **2 main streams**
 - **Deep-Tech Talents:** highly specialised projects or assistance to a senior executive, open to PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers currently working in ERC, EIC Pathfinder, MSCA, EIT and RI actions, 3-6 months;
 - **Aspiring Innovators:** less specialised activities, student in (and graduates from) EIT Label Masters and Doctoral programmes, EIT Alumni, EIT Jumpstarter, up to 6 months.

*There should be a minimum of 150 researchers from EIC Pathfinder actions

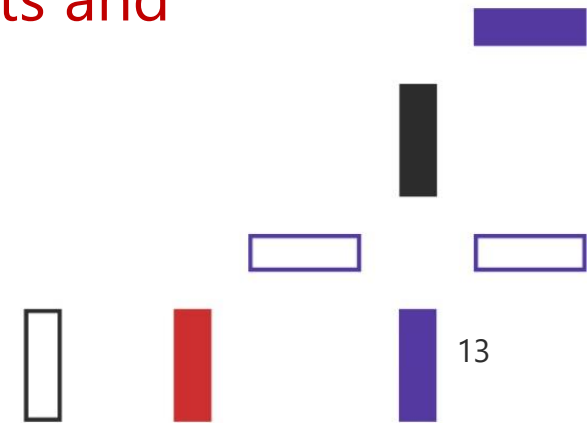


Procedure for internship selection



- Call for expression of interest to eligible companies to host internship;
- Call for expression of interest to eligible researchers to participate in the proposed internships;
- Application and matching between the researchers and the internship positions in the host companies.

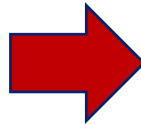
NB! The application and matchmaking process must be lean and agile, creating as less as possible administrative burden for the applicants and the companies.





Results

- Support to approx. **600 internships** during 2 years time;
- High **quality assessment of the impact of the scheme**, including feedback from internees and host companies, and recommendations for further development of the scheme



Expected impacts

- **Increased awareness and knowledge** of researchers about potential career paths in startup companies or for creating their own companies
- **Improved access to research talent** by EIC and EIT supported startups and SMEs
- **Increased visibility of the scheme** highlighting the role, funding instruments and opportunities provided by EIC and other EU partner programmes



Key activities/ tasks for the Beneficiary under this call(1/2)



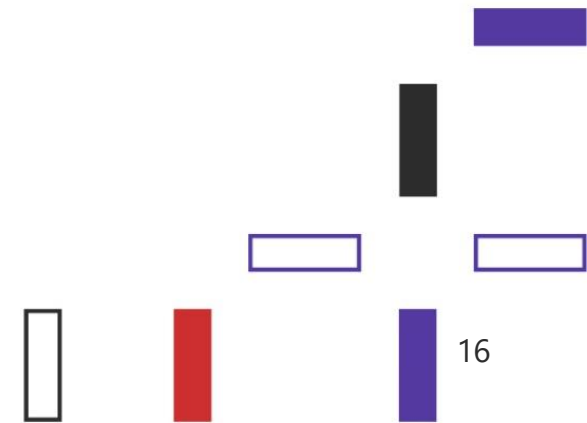
- Support to the preparation and implementation of **call(s) for expression(s) of interest** to eligible researchers and hosting companies in coordination with the EU partner programmes
- Creation of a **matchmaking IT platform** between interested researchers (candidate interns) and companies
- Provision of **guidance and support** for candidate interns and companies
- Handling of **agreements** with the research institutes and the companies, including standard agreements on intellectual property, conditions of work etc. where this is not already provided for by the partner programme
- **Follow up** on any practical issues related to the internships



Key activities/ tasks for Beneficiary (2/2)



- Organisation of **information and dissemination campaigns**;
- When relevant, organisation of **financial support to third parties** to cover additional costs of interns;
- Regular **reporting** back to each respective EU funding programme, companies and interns;
- Provision of **feedback on the effectiveness and impact of scheme** (e.g. through surveys, focus groups) ;



Specific conditions/requirements

The applicants must:

- **anticipate** that the scheme will be implemented **in close cooperation** with the EC and the relevant funding bodies for the partner programmes
- Ensure that the methodology is flexible and allows the beneficiary to follow **strategic guidance and advice** for implementation by the partner programmes
- specify how **the management and control of this financial support** will be organised in an effective and efficient way, including avoidance of any abuse
- Ensure that all **visual elements** produced are in full compliance with the **visual identity of the EIC, the other original funding bodies** as well as the European Commission visual identity for its corporate communication.



Specific conditions/requirements

The applicant must:

- **demonstrate their knowledge, expertise and means** to implement the scheme. This includes knowledge in H2020/HE funding programmes and experience in:
 - managing grants and multiple stakeholders projects under Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe;
 - human resources advisory services, recruitment and head hunting capacities for start-ups and spin-off;
 - providing legal and accounting services.
- deal with necessary agreements concerning **data protection and confidentiality**
- **Provide comprehensive workplan on the organization of internships** from the matching up to the follow up;
- Develop methodology for measuring **effectiveness, satisfaction and impact** of the scheme;
- Provide SMART key performance indicators to measure the expected impact (as a minimum: number of matches and internships, impact and satisfaction rates (companies and interns).

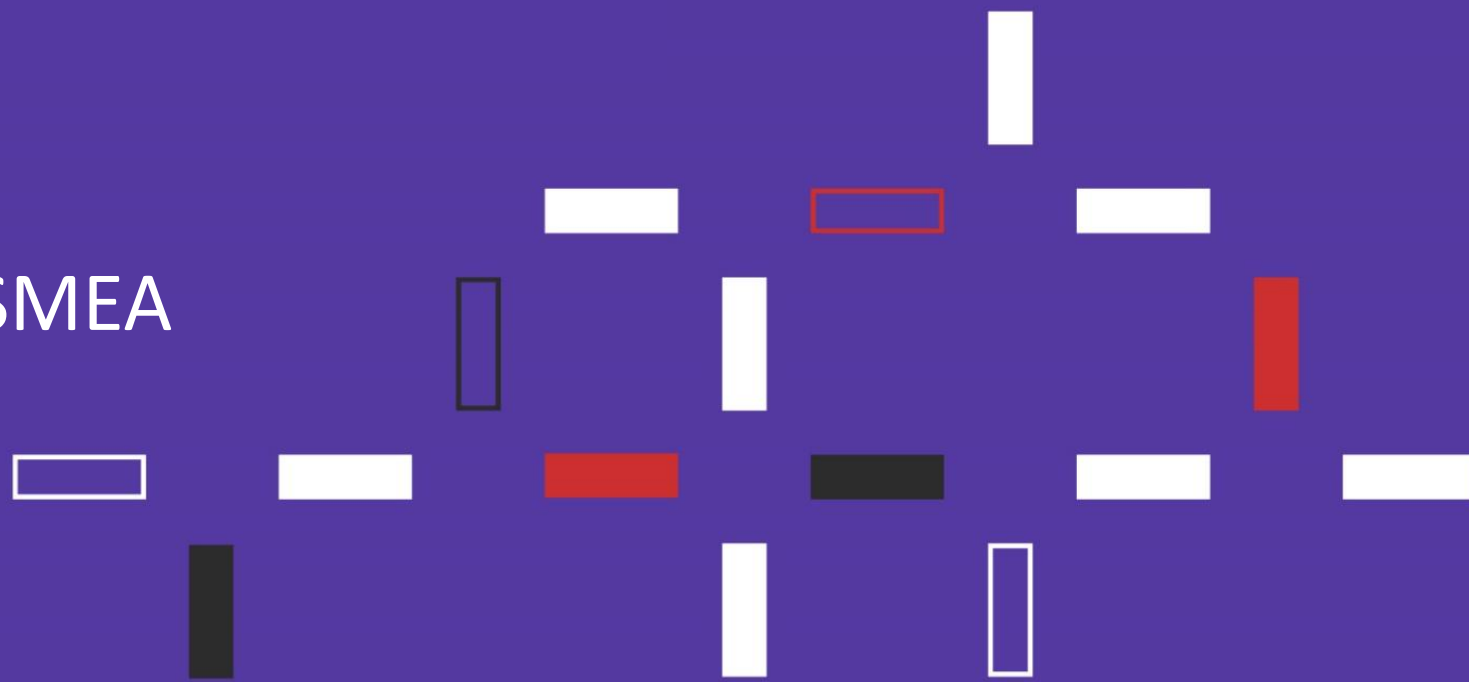
NB! EISMEA will provide of relevant information on eligible host companies, eligible research projects and contacts for the partner programmes for the implementation of the scheme.



HORIZON-EIC-2023-TALENTS-01

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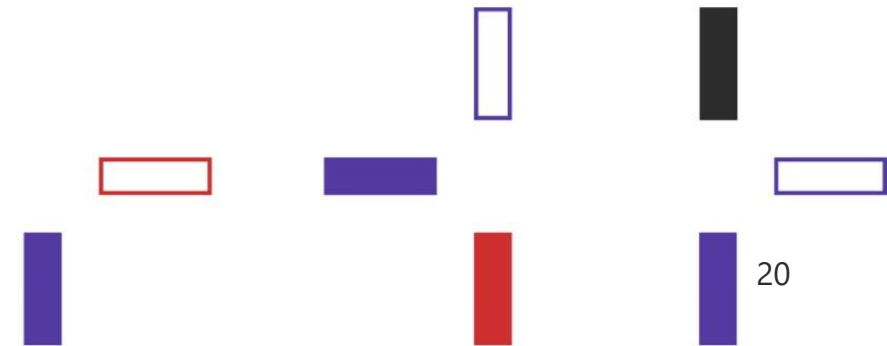
Call Coordinator EIC, EISMEA





Information about call

- Call opening: **August 16th, 2023**
- Deadline for applications: **October 4th, 2023 at 17h00 Brussels time**
- Indicative budget: **EUR 4 000 000**
- Type of Action: **Coordination and Support Action (CSA)**
- Number of funded projects: **1**
- Estimated project duration: **24 months**
- Funding rate: **100% (of eligible costs)**





Application

- Who can apply (eligibility)?
 - **Single legal entity** (e.g. public, private, international organisations) or **consortium of legal entities from MS/AC**
- **Standard CSA proposal template** (part A, part B – max 30 pages, Annexes*)
- Submission via **Funding and Tenders Portal**

The screenshot displays the 'Funding & tender opportunities' page for the 'Next Generation Innovation Talents' grant. The page is titled 'Next Generation Innovation Talents' with the topic ID 'HORIZON-EIC-2023-TALENTS-01-01'. It is categorized as a 'Grant'. The 'General information' section includes the following details:

Programme	Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)	
Call	Next Generation Innovation Talents (HORIZON-EIC-2023-TALENTS-01)	
Type of action	HORIZON-CSA HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions	Type of MGA HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based [HORIZON-AG]
Deadline model	Opening date	Deadline date
single-stage	16 August 2023	04 October 2023 17:00:00 Brussels time

The 'Topic description' section states: 'Objective: The objective of the 'Next Generation Innovation Talents' scheme is to enable researchers and aspiring innovators to better understand and gain direct experience of the complex process of taking innovation beyond invention and help them develop their entrepreneurial mindset. At the same time, this scheme aims to provide innovative start-ups with access to new ideas and insights from the cutting edge of research, thus accelerating the development of their breakthrough products and services. The scheme will allow eligible researchers to carry out an innovation internship in a hosting company, and will be open to:'. The footer includes copyright information: '© 2018 European Commission | About | Free text search | IT Helpdesk | Cookies | Legal Notice | APIs'.



Reimbursement of internship costs

- To be **covered by the partner programmes** (except for ERC) in line with the rules for eligibility of costs defined in the relevant Work Programmes
- For researchers under EIC Pathfinder, MSCA, RI, EIT/ EIT KICs by the same programmes
- For researchers under ERC and EIC Pathfinder **by Beneficiary** through financial support to third parties:
 - a. ERC: EUR 4300 for Ph.D. students and EUR 5300 (per month) for post-doctoral researcher for maximum 3 months
 - b. EIC Pathfinder: additional flat monthly mobility allowance of EUR 2300 in case of distance of more than 150 km between normal place of work and the location of the internship (personnel costs reimbursed by EIC grant) for maximum 3 months

NB! The hosting companies will not provide any direct payment to the interns.



Financial support to third parties

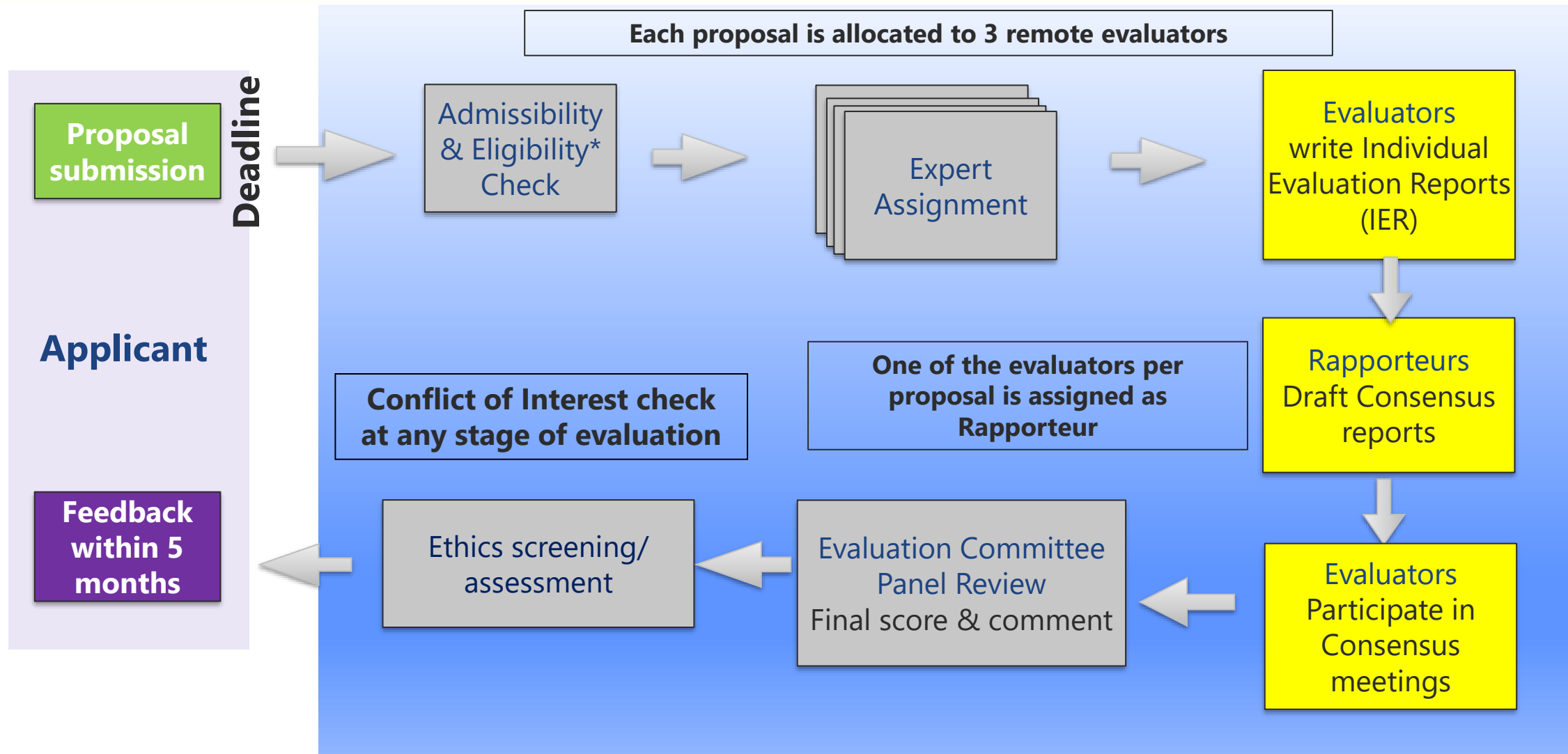
- **At least 50 percent of the total budget** funded by the EIC for this action must be allocated through financial support to third parties in form of lump sums
- **Maximum amount** to be granted to a third party is EUR 15 900
- **To follow rules for Financial Support to Third Parties:**
 - [Financial Regulation 2018/1046](#) (Art. 204)
 - [Annex 2 to the EIC Work Programme 2023](#) (B. ELIGIBILITY)
 - [Horizon Europe Model Grand Agreement](#) (Art. 6.2.D.1 and Art. 9.4)



Evaluation of applications

- Results by the **end of February 2024** (at the latest)
- Evaluation committee composed of **representatives from the EU institutions**
- Assessment against three evaluation criteria (**Excellence, Impact, Quality and efficiency of the implementation**) with overall threshold of 10/15

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Clarity and pertinence</u> of the project's objectives. • <u>Quality</u> of the proposed coordination and/or support measures, including soundness of methodology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Credibility</u> of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project. • <u>Suitability and quality</u> of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination and exploitation plan, including communication activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Quality and effectiveness</u> of the work plan, <u>assessment of risks</u>, and <u>appropriateness</u> of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall. • <u>Capacity and role</u> of each participant, and the extent to which the <u>consortium as a whole</u> brings together the necessary expertise.
<p>Threshold: 3/5</p>	<p>Threshold: 3/5</p>	<p>Threshold: 3/5</p>

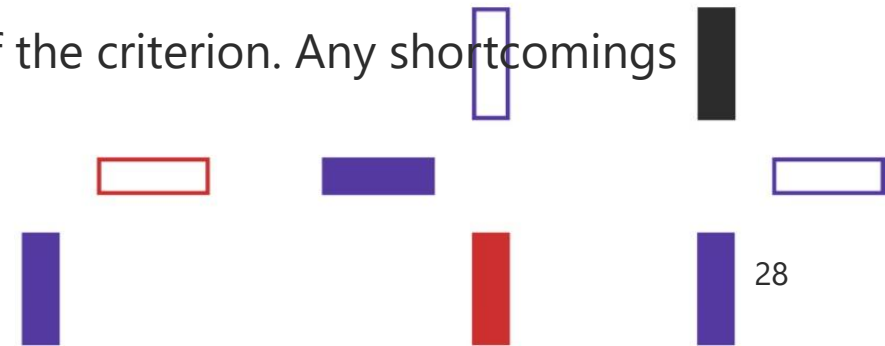


*out-of-scope can be declared at further stages



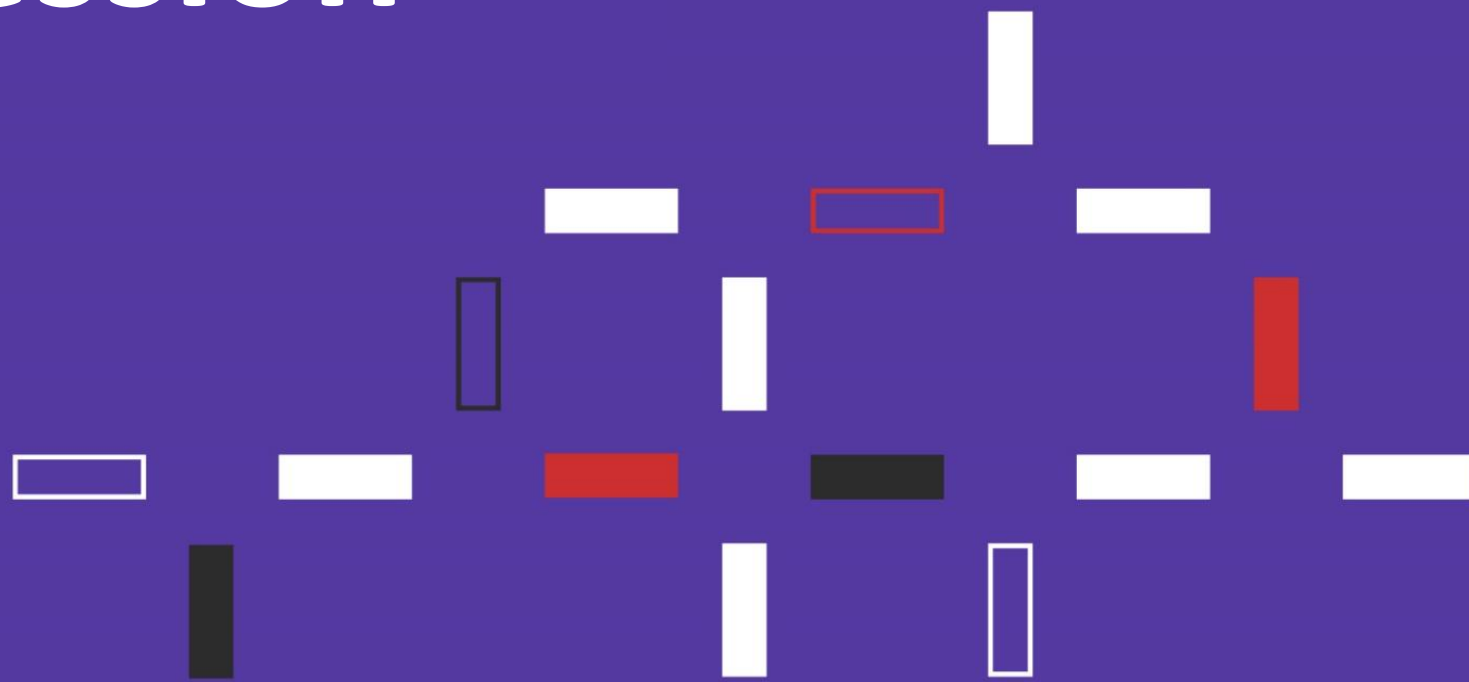
Evaluators score each **award criterion** on a scale **from 0 to 5** (half point scores may be given)

- 0 – Proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1 – **Poor**. The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2 – **Fair**. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3 – **Good**. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4 – **Very good**. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5 – **Excellent**. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.





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Further questions?

- More information in [EIC Work Programme 2023](#)
- Support from [National Contact Points \(NCP\)](#) for partner search and proposal preparation
- Apply on [Funding & Tenders \(europa.eu\)](#)
- Still some questions? EISMEA-COMMUNICATION@ec.europa.eu.



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