

WORK PROGRAMME 2025 What's in it for companies?



Funding for deep tech start-ups and SMEs:

- EIC Accelerator Open: €384 million
- EIC Accelerator Challenges: €250 million
- STEP scale up financing: €300 million

Easy application process:

- Submit short application anytime via the funding portal for feedback in 4-6 weeks.
- 2 cut-off dates for full applications.
- Best full proposals are invited to pitch to a live expert jury

EIC Business Acceleration Services boost your growth with:

- · Contracts: customers and investors
- · Contacts: community and access to experts
- · Skills: mentoring and educational programme



THE EIC ACCELERATOR TO SUPPORT COMPANIES

Funding for commercialisation and scale-up

€634 m



SHORT APPLICATION ANYTIME

Grants per company

max **€2.5** m

Equity investments per company

max €10 m

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Full application by:



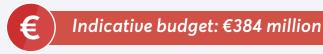
EIC STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR EUROPE PLATFORM [STEP]

Co-investments between €10 and €30 million to catalyse major funding rounds of up to at least €50 to €150 million



EIC ACCELERATOR OPEN

The EIC Open is for companies with proposals that don't match any of the EIC Accelerator Challenge topics. It is open to proposals in any field of technological breakthroughs.



EIC ACCELERATOR CHALLENGES



Indicative budget: €50 million each

EIC Accelerator Challenges target the following specific technologies and innovations of strategic interest for the Union:

- ACCELERATION OF ADVANCED MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT AND UPSCALING ALONG THE VALUE CHAIN
 - ▶ To develop technologies for designing, synthesising, and scaling up advanced materials, focusing on functionality and performance improvements; to minimise resource use and environmental impact, including critical raw materials, with life-cycle analysis and circularity approaches.
- BIOTECHNOLOGY DRIVEN LOW EMISSION FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

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 - ▶ To develop sustainable biotechnology for materials, enhance crop and livestock farming, reduce ruminant methane, and use precision fermentation, while integrating Al and ensuring lifecycle assessments and regulatory compliance.
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 - ▶ To develop and validate new GenAl models, adapt existing ones for specific sectors, and integrate solutions into workflows for real-life testing, focusing on healthcare, energy, security, public sector, manufacturing, or science and education, while overcoming current limitations and enhancing human-Al interaction.
- INNOVATIVE IN-SPACE SERVICING, OPERATIONS, SPACE-BASED ROBOTICS AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR RESILIENT EU SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE
 - ▶ To develop solutions for extending satellite lifetimes and maintenance in orbit, enhancing inspace transportation and mobility, and improving space-based resilience against cybersecurity threats and space debris.
- BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATIONS FOR FUTURE MOBILITY
 - ▶ To develop cost-effective, scalable solutions that reduce the environmental footprint of transportation, enhance operational efficiencies and emissions reductions, create sustainable fuels for hard-to-abate sectors, and advance digital tools for increased transport autonomy and sustainability, while adhering to Safe and Sustainable by Design (SSbD) principles and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).



