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EIT COMMUNITY IN HUNGARY

Country Factsheet 2024

INTRODUCTION

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an EU body created to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate. Today, it is Europe's largest innovation ecosystem.

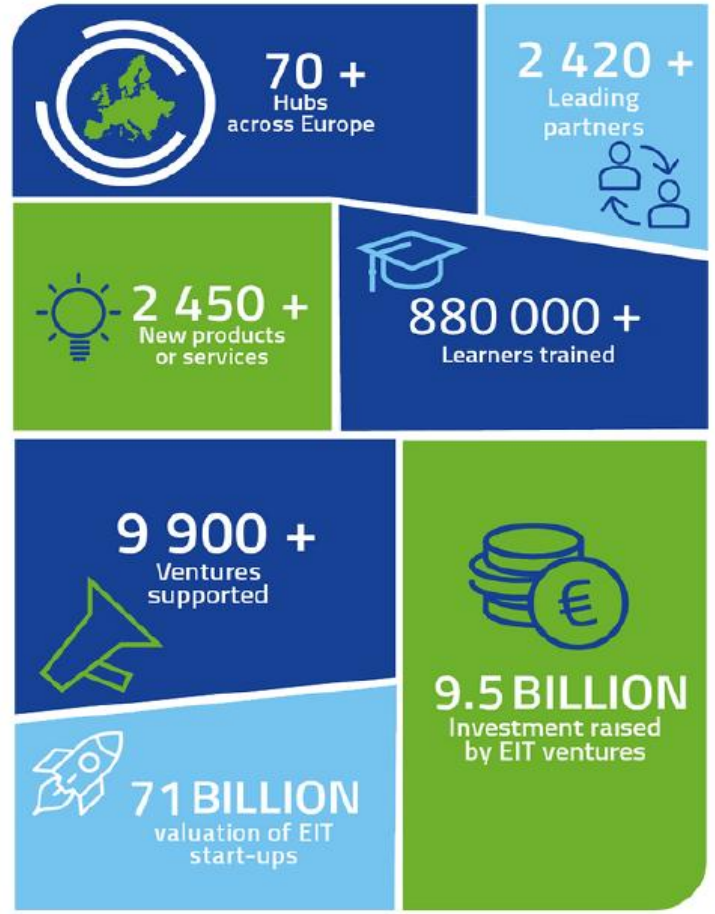
Together with leading partners across Europe, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities from entrepreneurial education courses, to business creation and acceleration services, to innovation-driven research projects.

The EIT

- provides access to a community that powers innovators throughout **the entire innovation journey**, from education to lab to market
- embraces **disruptive innovation** and embeds **entrepreneurial education** in its innovation activities
- is **business-oriented** with a strong focus on **financial sustainability**
- delivers **a pan-European network** strongly anchored in local innovation ecosystems

The EIT Country Factsheets provide a closer look at the EIT's presence, investment, activities and tangible results across EU Member States and beyond.

EIT IMPACT OVER 15 YEARS



EIT KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

THE EIT KICS AND THEIR PARTNERS MAKE UP

THE EIT COMMUNITY

The **EIT** supports the development of dynamic, long-term thematic partnerships, so-called **Knowledge and Innovation Communities** (EIT KICs).

These unique partnerships are formed among companies, research organisations, higher education institutions as well as other key innovation players. They each tackle a specific global challenge.

GLOBAL PICTURE 2023-25

EU Countries (2023-2025)

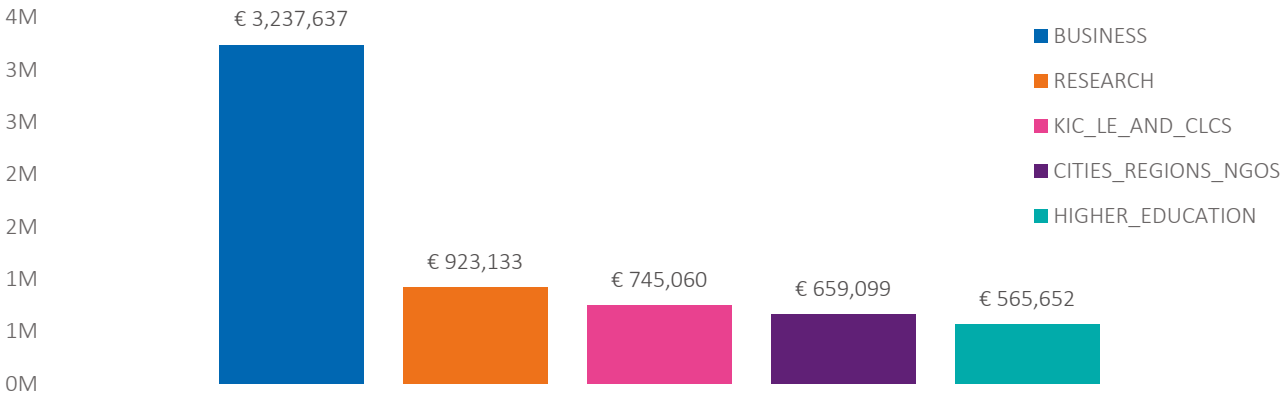
Non-EU Countries (2023-2025)

For the period 2023-2025*, a total EIT funding of **EUR 826.72 million** has been committed towards entities incorporated in EU Member States. Furthermore, the EIT Community has also allocated **EUR 31.54 million** in funding towards entities registered in non-EU countries, both in Europe and beyond.

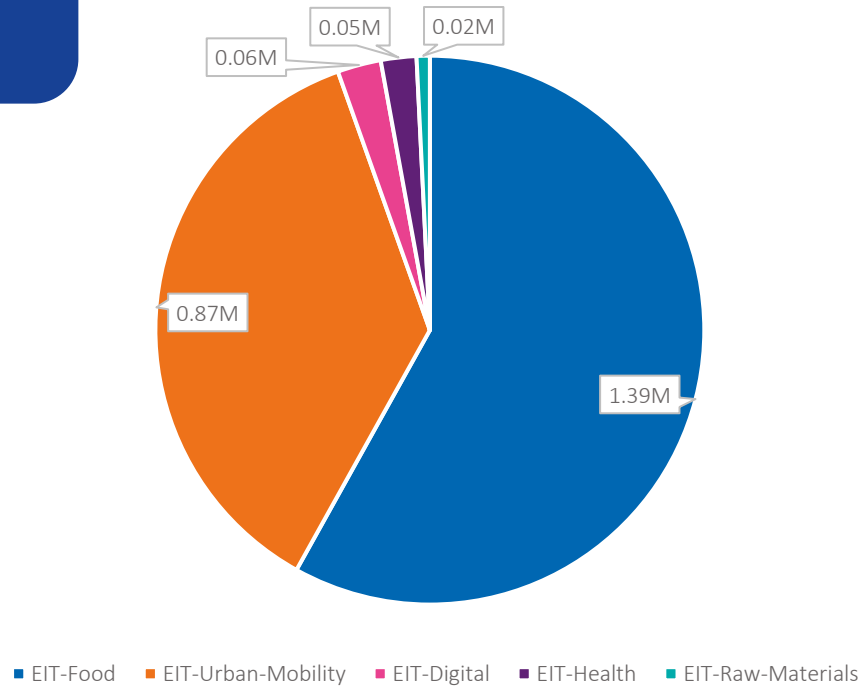
* Figures show the overall EIT Funding per country including all the EIT KICs and all the participating organisations.

EIT GRANTS 2023-2025 OVERVIEW

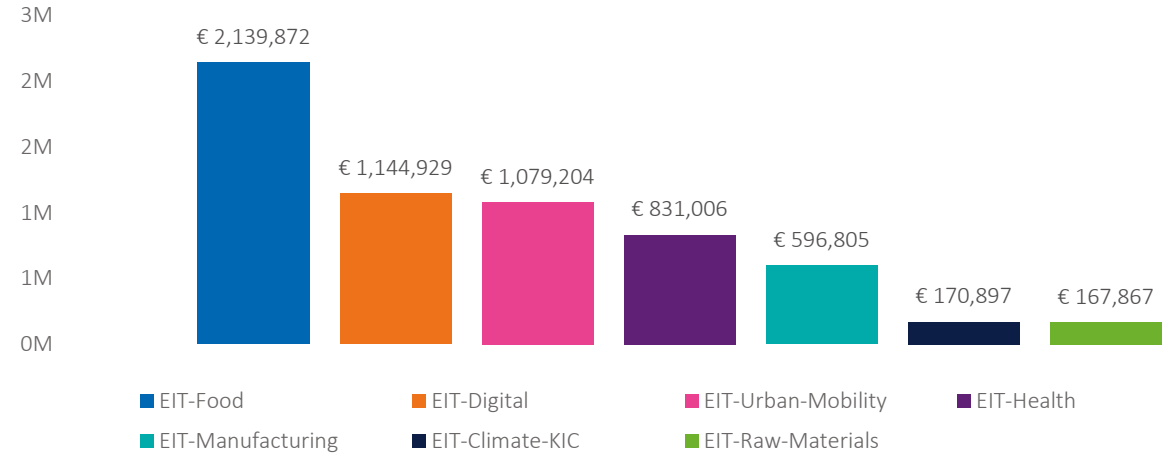
EIT Funding per Participant Area (EUR, 2023-2025)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2023-2025)



EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2023-2025)



A total of **EUR 6.1 million** has been committed in EIT grants towards Hungarian entities for the period 2023-2025.* This amount has been committed via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, with EIT Food being the largest contributor. This funding includes **EUR 2.4 million** to support Hungarian SMEs.

*Grants awarded to EIT KIC Legal Entities and Co-Location Centers include funding towards activities which are implemented centrally but benefit the whole partnership (multiple countries). Furthermore, they may include funding which is further sub-granted to third party beneficiaries.

EIT COMMUNITY IN HUNGARY

Key results under Horizon Europe (2021-2024)

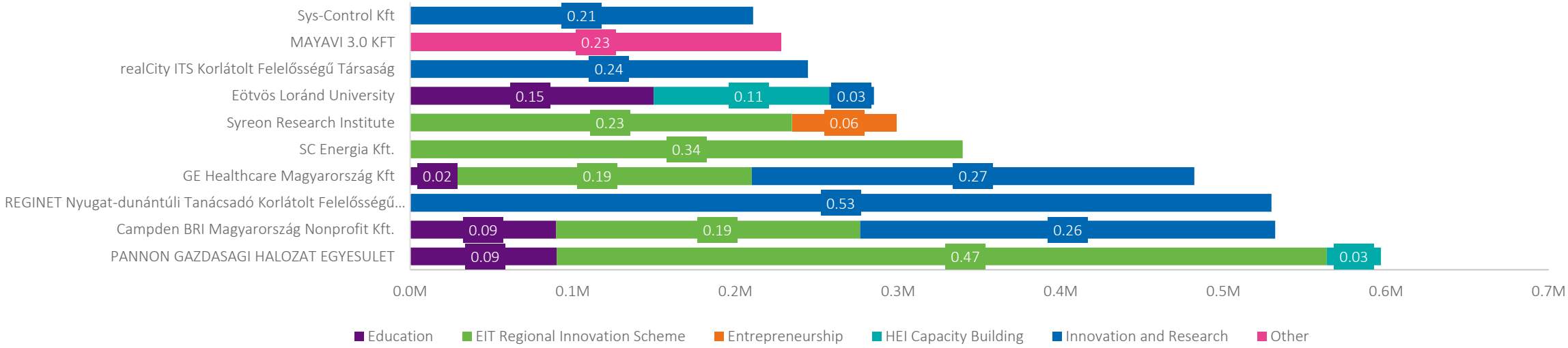
198 **start-ups** supported or created by the EIT Community.[1]

EUR 24.08 million **investment** attracted by EIT-supported ventures.

25 EIT-supported **innovations** were launched on the market.

19,562 **participants** in EIT education programmes.[2]

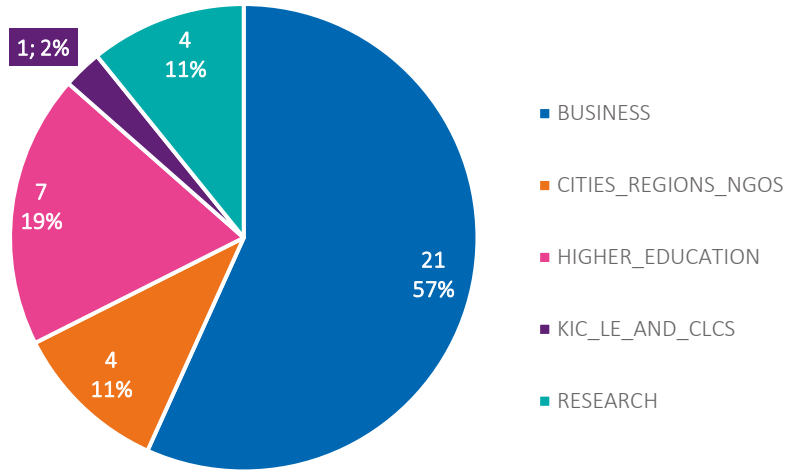
Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR million, 2023-2025)



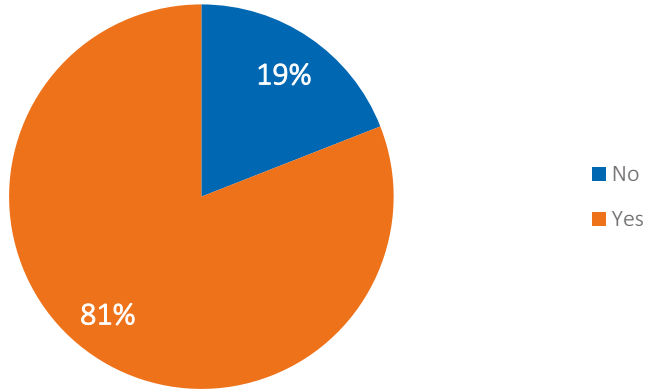
[1] See the *Data Principles* section. [2] Figure includes graduates of EIT Labelled programmes as well as participants in non-EIT Labelled programmes.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

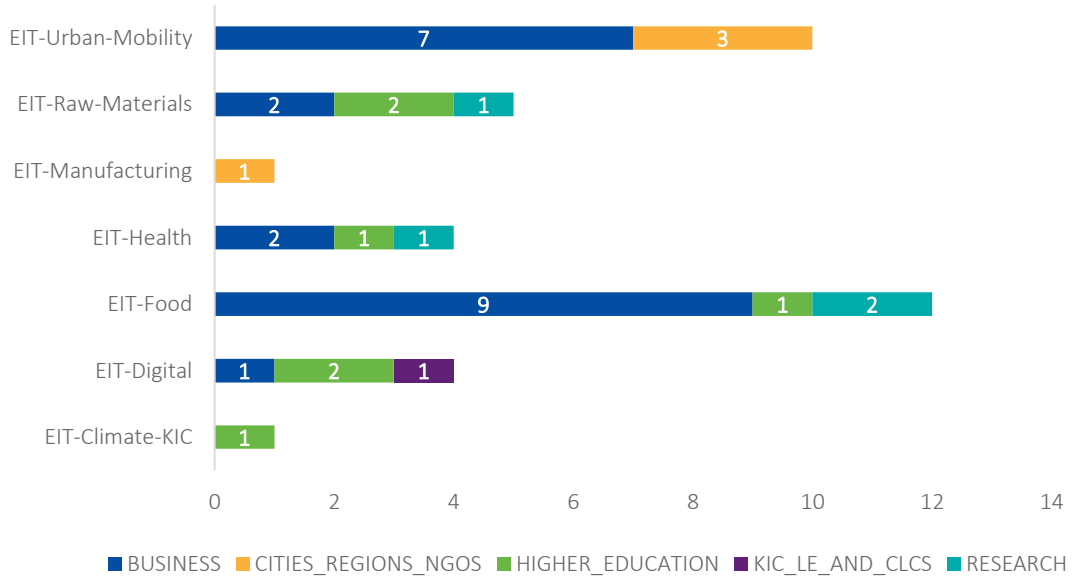
Participating organisations per Area (2023-2025)



Share of SMEs (2023-2025)



Participating organisations per KIC (2023-2025)



Overall, **37 organisations** from Hungary are participating in the activities of the 2023-2025 EIT KIC Business Plans.* The largest number of participating entities are business organisations, out of which, more than 80% are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT KIC.

*Some organisations may fall under different areas and participate in multiple Knowledge and Innovation Communities, therefore, the charts "Participating organisations per KIC" and "Participating organisations per Area" may include duplications.

INNOVATION JOURNEY

COMPOT
AGYAG BELTÉRI KOMPOSZTÁLÓ

Supported by EIT Food

COMPOT
Indoor composting for a conscious household

COMPOT has ingeniously crafted a plastic-free ceramic composter, allowing urban residents to reduce food waste. No worms, electricity or other additives are needed, as COMPOT's microbial culture mix and composing activator decompose organic household matter without hassle.

As a woman-led business, COMPOT participated in the 2022 Empowering Women in Agrifood programme of EIT Food. This dynamic programme provided the company with transformative training, mentoring, business coaching and network opportunities.

Over the 6 action-packed months, COMPOT dived into mentoring sessions and masterclasses, fostering bonds with industry experts and fellow women innovators of the agri-food sector. The one -on-one mentoring empowered COMPOT's founder to hone her pitching skills and articulate the value and utility of her product persuasively.

In a resounding triumph, COMPOT was selected as the first prize winner of the EIT Food EWA awards for Hungary, securing funding of EUR 10 000 that the start-up will invest in further expansion.

[EIT offered] Mentoring helped me to speak about COMPOT in a clear and convincing way. Winning the prize will make it possible to reach much more households and convince them about indoor city composting.

Tünde Udvarnoki, Co-owner of COMPOT

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INNOVATION JOURNEY

Supported by EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Climate-KIC

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ZenCharge

Smarter Charging for a Greener Tomorrow

ZenCharge is a smart energy solution developed by a Hungarian startup MET3R, using AI to optimise electric vehicle charging for individuals and businesses. It helps reduce charging costs, lower emissions, and ease pressure on local grids. The system tailors each charging session based on drivers' schedules, grid constraints, energy prices, and renewable energy availability. The ZenCharge app is fully compatible with all chargers and charge management platforms that follow the OCPP standard.

Its innovation contributes directly to the shift towards more sustainable urban mobility systems. In 2021, MET3R – presenting its ZenCharge solution – was selected for the EIT Urban Mobility Accelerator, supported by PowerHUB, SPINLAB, and ZONE Cluster. The programme provided six months of tailored business development support and mentoring. MET3R has also received backing from EIT Climate-KIC, helping to expand its impact across both the clean energy and sustainable transport sectors.

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DATA PRINCIPLES

DATA PROVIDED IN THE 2024 FACTSHEETS

- The funding and participation data were retrieved from the European Commission tool **'eGrants Data Warehouse' as of 05/12/2024**. The factsheets provide a snapshot of data available at the date of retrieval.
- The funding figures show EIT grants committed to organisations participating in the activities of the **EIT KIC Business Plans 2023-2025**.
- The funding and participation data is subject to change until the end of the funding cycle 2023-2025. The final figures will be available in 2026.
- Data on **key results under Horizon Europe** is derived from the **2021-2024 EIT KIC reporting cycles**.
- **Start-ups supported or created by the EIT Community** include those supported by EIT KICs, founded by EIT Alumni, or resulting from EIT innovation projects.
- The 2024 factsheets cover activities of all the EIT KICs except for EIT Culture & Creativity.

DATA ON PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

- The funding and participation figures do not include organisations that participated in specific sub-calls launched by EIT KICs, such as acceleration programs managed by EIT KIC Co-location Centers.
- Participating in an EIT KIC does not automatically lead to receiving EIT funding.

GLOSSARY

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION

An entity participating in the implementation of one or multiple actions, projects or activities under an EIT KIC Business Plan. Participating organisations are not necessarily EIT KIC partner organisations. Not all the participating organisations receive EIT Funding. They can also benefit from other, non-financial support.

CO-LOCATION CENTRE

Also known as CLC, is a location where one or more EIT KICs share resources to create a physical presence together in a country. CLCs act as focal points for knowledge exchange, through which partners access the facilities, and the expertise needed. This leads to efficiency through shared costs and allows EIT KICs to work together more easily to provide joint opportunities in the country and the region that the CLC covers.

EIT REGIONAL INNOVATION SCHEME

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme helps build up innovation capacity in countries where the innovation ecosystem requires an additional level of support. The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme grants support education programmes, business acceleration services and Knowledge Triangle Integration activities, implemented in the countries that have modest or moderate innovation capacity (according to the European innovation scoreboard).*

EIT RIS HUB

EIT RIS Hubs are local entities in an EIT Regional Innovation Scheme eligible country selected by EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities via an open competitive process. RIS Hubs are key to delivering the place-based activities and services which help boost the local innovation ecosystem, as they create an entry point for local innovators to access the whole EIT community.

*For the list of RIS-eligible countries , please visit the EIT website.

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