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EIT COMMUNITY IN SWITZERLAND

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**.

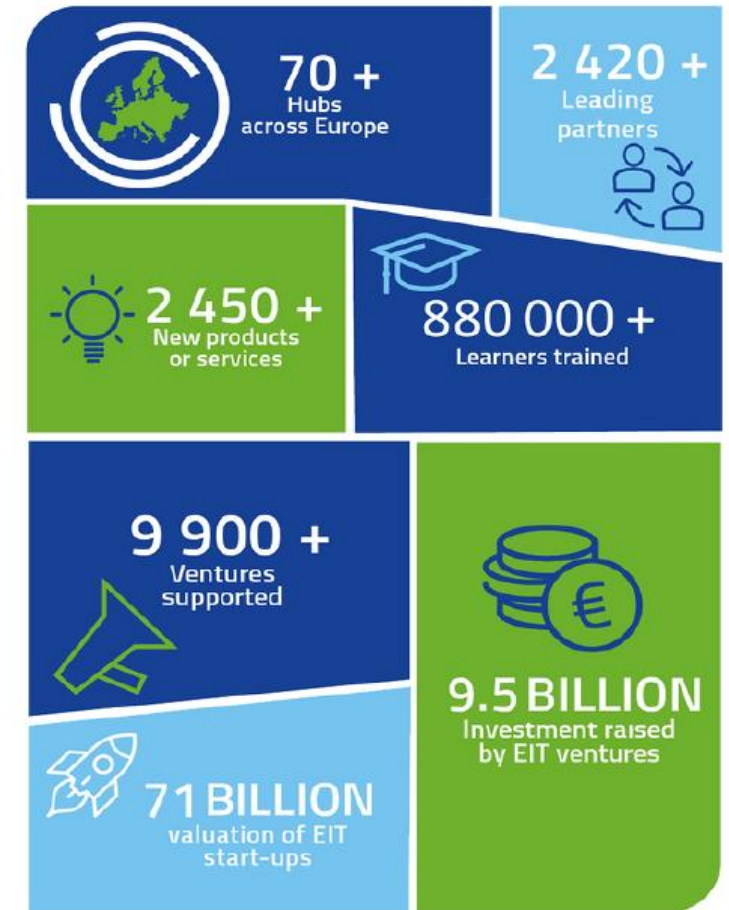
Together with leading partners across Europe, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities from **entrepreneurial education** courses, to **business creation and acceleration** services, to **innovation-driven research projects**.

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

EIT CLIMATE-KIC

Accelerating the transition
to a zero-carbon economy

EIT DIGITAL

Driving Europe's digital
transformation

EIT INNOENERGY

A sustainable energy future
for Europe

EIT HEALTH

Healthier lives for
EU Citizens

EIT RAWMATERIALS

Developing raw materials
into a major strength for
Europe

EIT FOOD

Leading a global revolution
in food production &
innovation

EIT MANUFACTURING

Increasing Europe's
manufacturing
competitiveness

EIT URBAN MOBILITY

Smart, green &
integrated transport

EIT CULTURE & CREATIVITY

Uniting Europe's creatives

EIT WATER

COMING SOON*

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)



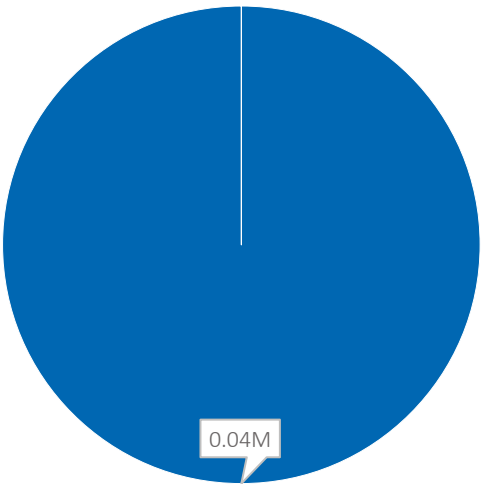
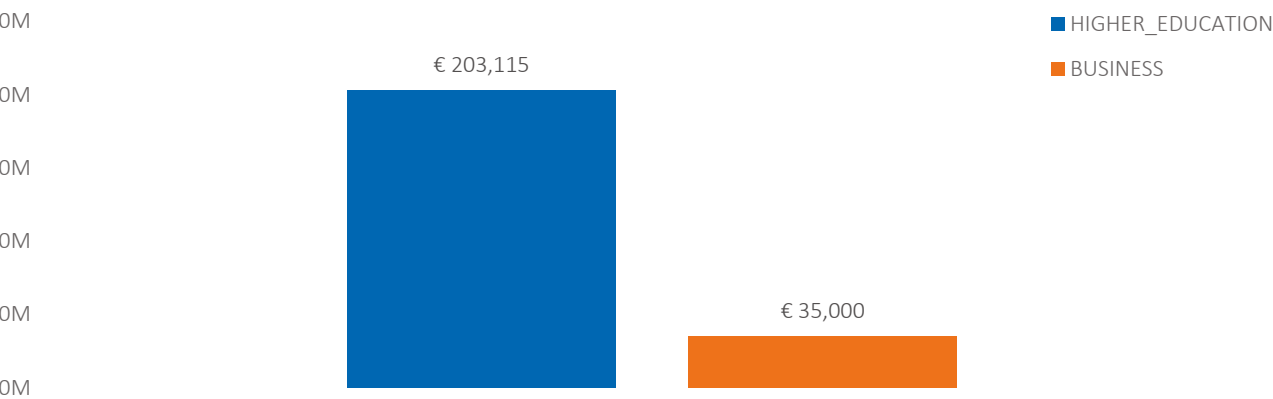
For the period 2023-2025*, a total EIT funding of **EUR 826.72 million** has been committed towards entities incorporated in EU Member States. Furthermore, the EIT Community has also allocated **EUR 31.54 million** in funding towards entities registered in non-EU countries, both in Europe and beyond.

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

EIT GRANTS 2023-2025 OVERVIEW

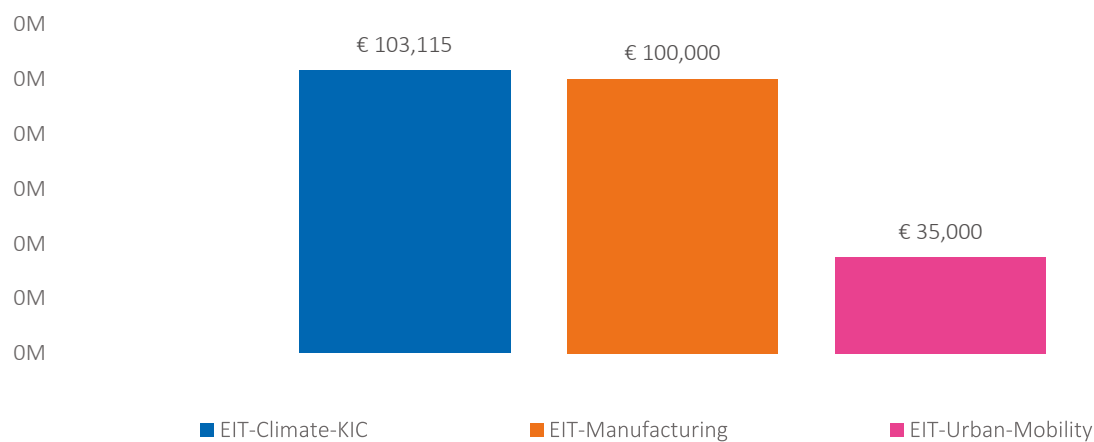
EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2023-2025)

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



EIT-Urban-Mobility

EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2023-2025)



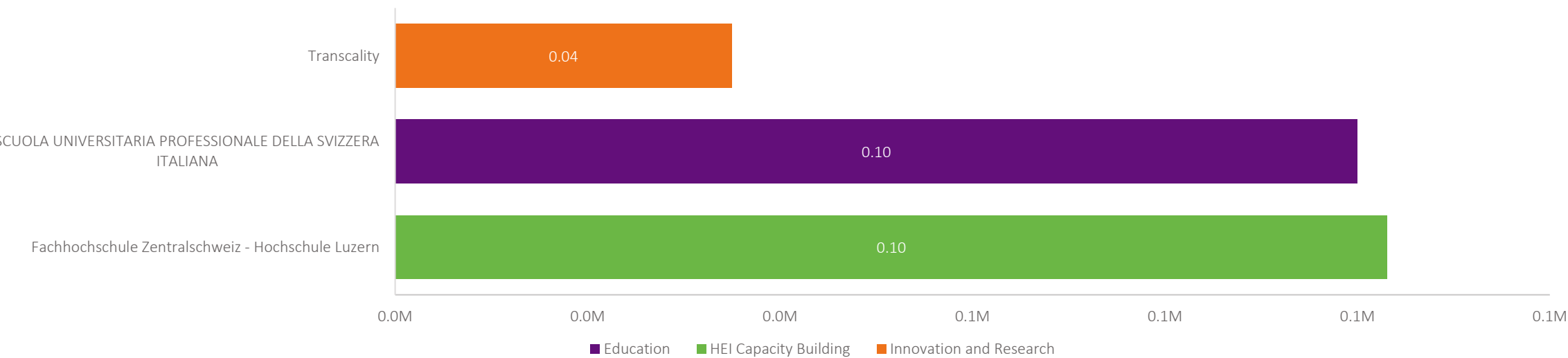
A total of **EUR 0.24 million** has been committed in EIT grants towards Swiss entities for the period 2023-2025.* This amount has been committed via three EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, with EIT Climate-KIC being the largest contributor. This funding includes **EUR 0.04 million** to support Swiss 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.




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



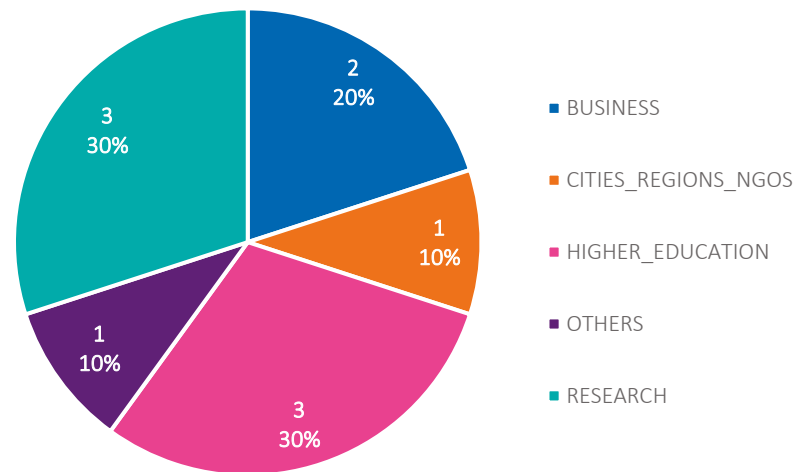
Key results under Horizon Europe (2021-2024)

-  **80 start-ups** supported or created by the EIT Community.¹
-  EUR 99.97 million **investment** attracted by EIT-supported ventures.
-  15 EIT-supported **innovations** were launched on the market.
-  186 **participants** in EIT education programmes.²

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

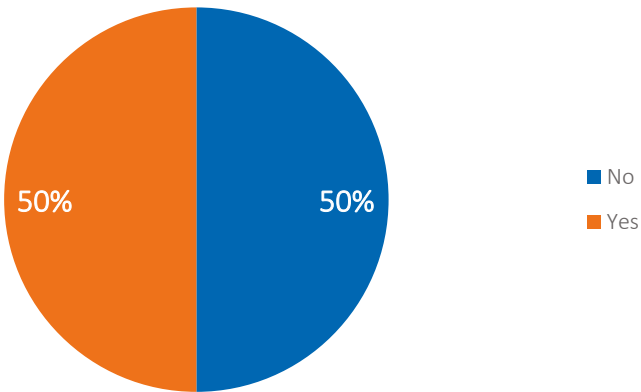
PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Participating organisations per Area (2023-2025)

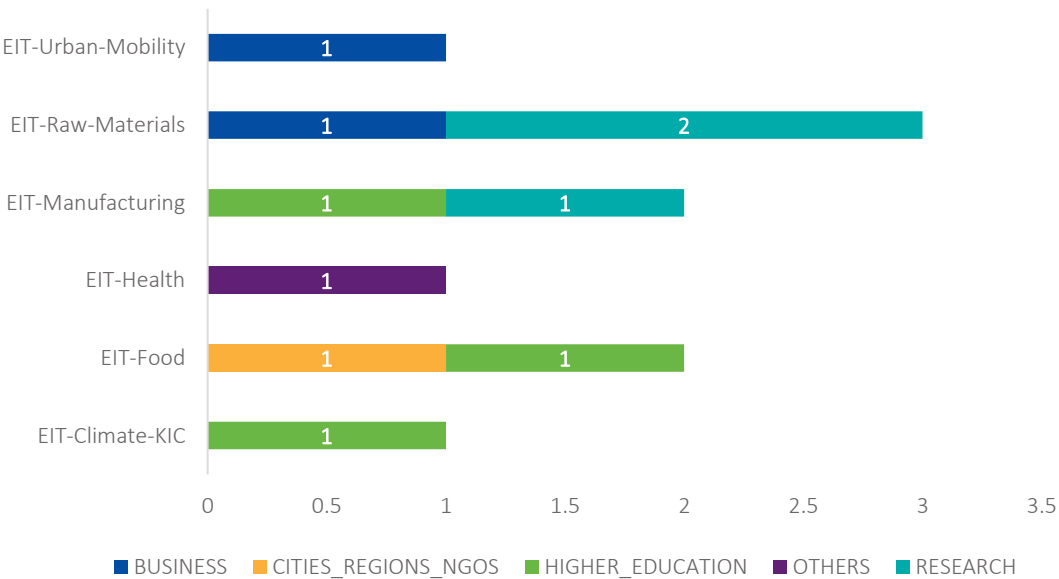


Overall, **10 organisations** from Switzerland are participating in the activities of the 2023-2025 EIT KIC Business Plans.* The largest number of participating entities are research organisations. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT KIC.

Share of SMEs (2023-2025)



Participating organisations per KIC (2023-2025)



*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



Natural plant protection

Supported by EIT Climate KIC
and EIT Digital

AgroSustain Sustainable food has a new coat

AgroSustain keeps fruits, vegetables, and flowers fresh longer with a natural and organic coating. The coating can be used in post-harvest treatment to extend shelf-life, reduce water loss, and preserve crop quality. The company's goal is to reduce hunger by reducing food waste while cutting the use of harmful chemicals in food production.

EIT Climate-KIC brought AgroSustain into its portfolio through its business acceleration services between 2018 and 2023, through which the company was awarded €505 000 total, including the €420 000 in EIT COVID-19 venture support funding.



AgroSustain signed a Climate-SAFE agreement with EIT Climate-KIC, ensuring it would receive post-programme support, fundraising advice, access to an investor network, follow-on investments, support with validation and EU regulation adherence, and other critical forms of support to their business.

With this support, AgroSustain has been approved for commercialisation worldwide and has already begun sales in Switzerland and the EU. It is currently working on a pipeline of biostimulants to enhance plant growth in the field and biocoat them after harvest. The company has gone on to win awards from the likes of Eurostars and the InnoSuisse Innovation project.

'EIT Climate-KIC provides an outstanding support to young entrepreneurs in their journey for a sustainable future through access to funding and knowledge in the field of CO2 emission and business development.'

Olga Dubey, CEO and Co-Founder,
AgroSustain



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INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate KIC

UniSieve The new wave of renewable energy

UniSieve uses a crystalline membrane technology to precisely separate out larger and smaller molecules and decarbonise heavy-emitting industries. The separation solution helps energy and chemical companies' energy use, reduces emissions, and increases product recovery. It can be added-on to existing infrastructure and integrated into new separation units.

EIT Climate-KIC took UniSieve into its business acceleration services between 2019 and 2023 after the company signed its Climate-SAFE agreement.

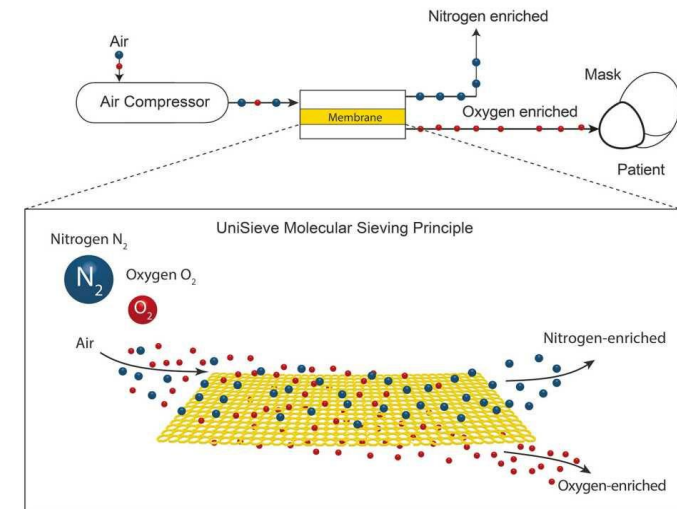


'EIT Climate-KIC supported UniSieve from the beginning and contributed to our mission of "Decarbonizing Heavy-Emitting Industry via Sieving Membranes."'

Samuel Hess, CEO & Co-Founder,
UniSieve

UniSieve benefited from support with fundraising, access to an investor network, fast-track to public funding schemes, and networking among other matters. Furthermore, EIT Climate-KIC provided €520 000 in funding, including €440 000 in EIT COVID-19 venture support funding.

With this support, UniSieve successfully tested its tech in an on-site pilot with a waste to power plant and a chemical plant. It secured over €5.2 million in a seed round with venture capital and business angels and is currently extending its facilities.



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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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