

# European Institute of Innovation & Technology

# EIT COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

**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**













Developing raw materials into a major strength for Europe











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.

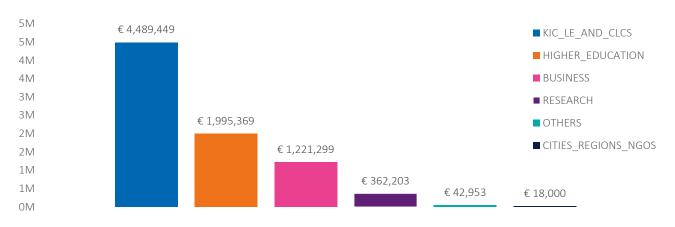
<sup>\*</sup> Figures show the overall EIT Funding per country including all the EIT KICs and all the participating organisations.

# EIT GRANTS 2023-2025 OVERVIEW

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

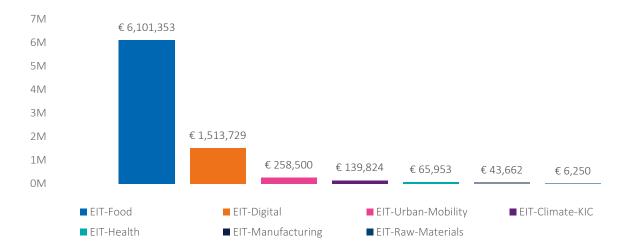
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#### EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2023-2025)



A total of EUR 8.13 million has been committed in EIT grants towards British 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 1.17 million to support British SMEs.

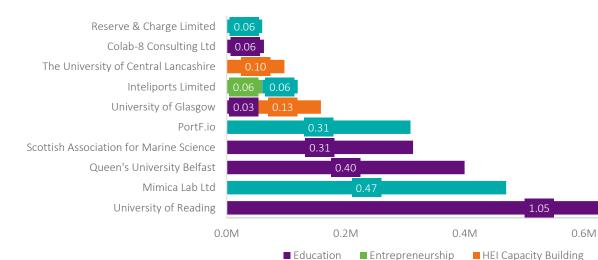
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<sup>\*</sup>Grants awarded to EIT KIC Legal Entities and Co-Location Centers include funding towards activities which are implemented centrally but benefit the whole partnership (multiple countries). Furthermore, they may include funding which is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

# EIT COMMUNITY IN THE UK



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



#### Key results under Horizon Europe (2021-2024)

- 268 start-ups supported or created by the EIT Community.<sup>1</sup>
- EUR 296.93 million **investment** attracted by EIT-supported ventures.
- 40 EIT-supported **innovations** were launched on the market.
- \$\rightarrow\$ 1,600 participants in EIT education programmes.<sup>2</sup>

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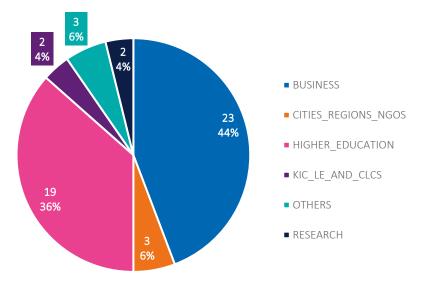
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Innovation and Research

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Data Principles section. <sup>2</sup> Figure includes graduates of EIT Labelled programmes as well as participants in non-EIT Labelled programmes.

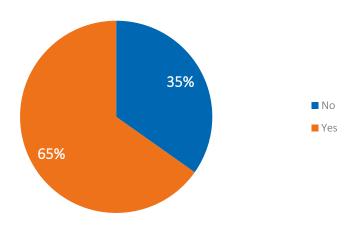
### PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

#### Participating organisations per Area (2023-2025)

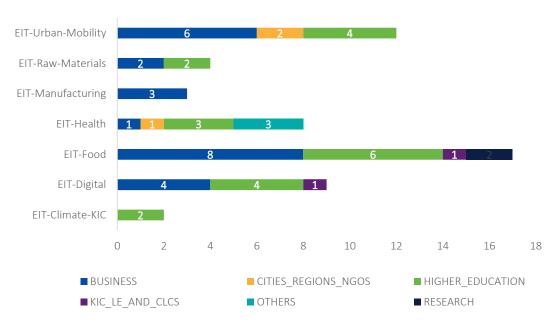


Overall, **52** organisations from the United Kingdom are participating in the activities of the 2023-2025 EIT KIC Business Plans.\* The largest number of participating entities is Business organisations, out of which, over 60% are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT KIC.

#### **Share of SMEs** (2023-2025)



#### Participating organisations per KIC (2023-2025)



# INNOVATION JOURNEY

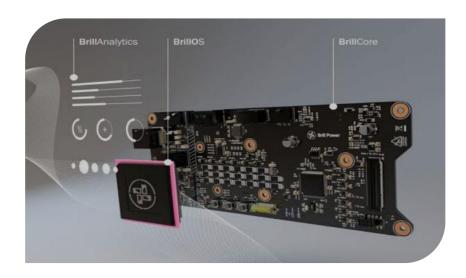


Supported by EIT Climate KIC

# Brill Power Smarter Batteries. Longer Life. Cleaner Future

Brill Power is revolutionising the battery industry with its innovative Battery Intelligence Platform, designed to extend battery life, enhance performance, reduce costs, and promote sustainability. Using its patented active loading technology, BrillCore, the system increases battery lifespan by up to 60 per cent, recovers up to 46 per cent more energy from aged batteries, improves safety, and enables faster charging.

The platform includes BrillOS, a customisable operating system, and BrillAnalytics, a cloud-based data platform for optimising battery health, performance, and safety.



Between 2016 and 2023, Brill Power participated in EIT Climate-KIC's Business Acceleration Services, receiving post-programme operational support, fundraising advice, access to investor networks, and funding opportunities. This support helped the company secure over €552,500 in financing, including €500,000 from the EIT COVID-19 Venture Support Funding.

Through its innovative approach, Brill Power is addressing the global challenge of sustainability by reducing battery waste and improving energy efficiency. The guidance and resources provided by EIT Climate-KIC were instrumental in enabling Brill Power to scale its impact and contribute to a more sustainable future.

'EIT Climate-KIC has provided valuable training, funding and guidance throughout Brill Power's journey. We would not have formed Brill Power without their early support, and we continue to benefit from the network and support that the EIT Climate-KIC provides.'

Carolyn Hicks, CFO and COO, Brill Power



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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.



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