

# EIT: Europe's Innovation Ecosystem

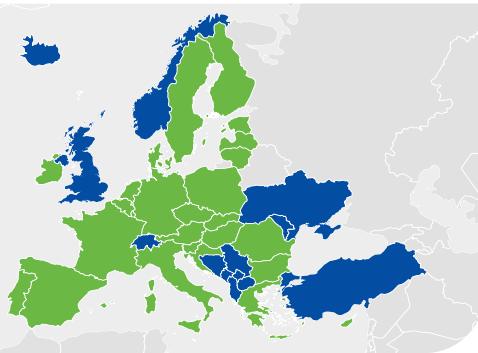


## Key Findings from the 2025 EIT Impact Study

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is the EU's largest innovation ecosystem, connecting education, research, and business to turn ideas into products, develop talent, and help companies grow, thereby strengthening Europe's competitiveness and helping to close the skills and innovation gap.

### A Pan-European Ecosystem

The EIT and its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) support innovators across the EU, with an on-the-ground presence in every Member State. Its Regional Innovation Scheme helps close the European innovation gap by strengthening emerging ecosystems.



### Impact Amplified

The EIT connects more than 2 200 diverse partners – innovative companies, universities, research organisations and cities among them – to drive innovation and create a strong financial and economic multiplier effect, helping startups attract significant amounts of external investment, while its KICs mobilise partners and resources to build sustainable innovation ecosystems.

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### High-Growth Innovative Startups and Scaleups Supported<sup>1</sup>

EIT-supported companies show solid performance:

  
€15.69 billion  
raised in external financing.

  
Over 90%  
survival rate of companies,  
far above EU and global  
benchmarks.



43%

qualify as high-growth enterprises, compared with a 16% EU average.



104%  
increase in revenue  
since the first year of support.



Employment growth rates well above the EU average.

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all data relate to the full period of activity of the EIT and its KICs.

## A Talent Pipeline for Europe

The EIT helps to close Europe's critical skills gap through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), digital, and entrepreneurial education and training.



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## Contributions to the Green and Digital Transitions

The EIT directly supports key EU priorities, including the Union of Skills and the Startup and Scaleup Strategy, and contributes to the Clean Industrial Deal by strengthening innovation and skills. The EIT Community has supported progress towards Europe's transitions, including:



support for  
**100+ regions**  
on climate adaptation

*(reaching up to 53 million people)*



contribution to  
**€9.1 billion**  
in energy cost savings



**472 000 people**  
skilled in artificial  
intelligence, cybersecurity and  
digital skills.

Together, these results confirm the EIT's added value in strengthening Europe's competitiveness.

**EIT - MAKING INNOVATION HAPPEN**

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