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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EIT MANUFACTURING LIQUIDATION PROCESS

1. What has happened to EIT Manufacturing?

EIT Manufacturing ASBL filed for liquidation on 25 March 2026, with the process formally opened on 9 April 2026 and a judicial administrator appointed to oversee it. This follows irregularities detected by the EIT and investigated by OLAF.

2. Who is responsible for handling the claims of beneficiaries?

The judicial liquidator who has been appointed by the competent French court to manage the liquidation of EIT Manufacturing ASBL and oversee the claims process. Please, refer to the ruling of the Court: <https://www.bodacc.fr/pages/annonces-commerciales-detail/?q.id=id:A202600722773>.

3. What should beneficiaries do now?

Beneficiaries should submit their claims, together with supporting documentation, directly to the judicial liquidator by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt (it is also advisable to follow up this submission with an email with acknowledgement of receipt): Me BASSE Christophe, 1 rue René Cassin, 91033 Évry-Courcouronnes, France. Claims must be submitted within two months (for organisations domiciled in France) or four months (for organisations domiciled outside France) from 15 April 2026.

Should creditors fail to file their proof of claims, the unreported claim will not be enforceable in the liquidation proceedings and cannot be repaid, even partially.

To help drafting the declaration of claim against the liabilities of EIT Manufacturing ASBL, an anonymized template of a proof of claim was sent to beneficiaries from our Beneficiary Functional Mailbox. It should specify the nature, the origin, and the amount in euros (conversion of the exchange rate as of the date of the ruling, i.e 9 April 2026) of the claim being due, as well as the supporting documents related to the claim (contracts, amendments, invoices, etc.) to establish the legal basis of the claim and specified if the claim is secured or unsecured.

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If the claim includes interest, it is essential to specify the amount of such interest and the method of calculation if not yet due as of the date of the opening of EIT Manufacturing ASBL's liquidation, i.e. 9 April 2026.

4. Who can submit a claim?

All beneficiaries of EIT Manufacturing ASBL, which have outstanding payment claims towards EIT Manufacturing ASBL, can submit a claim to the liquidator as outlined above.

5. Should the claim be submitted in French?

Yes. Article R.693-4 of the French Commercial Code provides that "Claims shall be filed in the French language or be accompanied by a translation into French". Failure to provide a French translation in due time may lead to a rejection of the claim, meaning it will not be included in the liabilities of EIT Manufacturing ASBL and thus the creditor will not be eligible for future allocations, if any.

6. What supporting documents do I need to include with my claim?

For detailed information on the supporting documents required as part of your claim, please contact the appointed liquidator directly.

7. Should each participating organisation submit its claim individually based on the costs declared, or can the coordinator submit a consolidated claim on behalf of the partners?

If you have a claim on EIT Manufacturing ASBL, please follow the procedure and submission requirements established by the appointed liquidator.

8. Does the Horizon Europe Mutual Insurance Mechanism (MIM) cover defaults on financial support to third parties (as defined in Article 6.2.D of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement) when the intermediary beneficiary enters liquidation?

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According to the legal basis, the Horizon Europe Mutual Insurance Mechanism does not cover the defaults by recipients of financial support for third parties (FSTP).

9.How will the process work?

At this stage, we are working with the liquidator to clarify practical aspects of the process and will share further information with beneficiaries as soon as it becomes available.

10.What is the role of the EIT in this process?

While liabilities towards beneficiaries rest with EIT Manufacturing ASBL, the EIT cooperates with the liquidator with a view to facilitating the settlement of claims towards EIT Manufacturing ASBL. It will also continue informing beneficiaries of the process as information becomes available.

11.What is the contractual relationship between the EIT and EIT Manufacturing ASBL?

EIT Manufacturing ASBL is an independent legal entity that operated with the EIT under a Partnership Agreement and received EU funding through grant agreements. While the EIT oversees the implementation of EU funds and monitors performance, EIT Manufacturing ASBL is responsible for managing its own operations and contractual obligations towards beneficiaries.

12.Can we meet with the EIT?

The EIT is committed to engaging with stakeholders and beneficiaries and will address questions transparently through regular updates and this Q&A. At this stage, our priority is to establish a clear timeline and framework of cooperation with the appointed liquidator. We will consider organising exchanges with stakeholders once there is more information available.

13.Does the KIC submit to the EIT the periodic/ progress reports (incl. reviewed and signed cost statements and supporting evidence) received from partners (subgrantees)?

The KIC establishes the subgrant amount paid (or due) to the subgrantees (and claims to the EIT under the D1. FSTP cost category) following the assessment and validation of the costs reported

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by the subgrantees. Periodic/ progress reports provided by the subgrantees to the KIC are normally not shared with the EIT as part of KIC's interim/ final reporting towards the EIT.

14. How will beneficiaries be informed in the future?

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) will continue to provide updates through its website and direct communications with the beneficiaries as the situation evolves. Beneficiaries may address questions or queries to the judicial liquidator at [cd@\[il\]esmandataires.com](mailto:cd@[il]esmandataires.com) and to the EIT at [beneficiarysupport@\[il\]eit.europa.eu](mailto:beneficiarysupport@[il]eit.europa.eu).