



Regional  
Innovation  
Scheme

# EIT Community Regional Innovation Scheme



Unlocking Europe's  
potential for innovation

# Who are we?

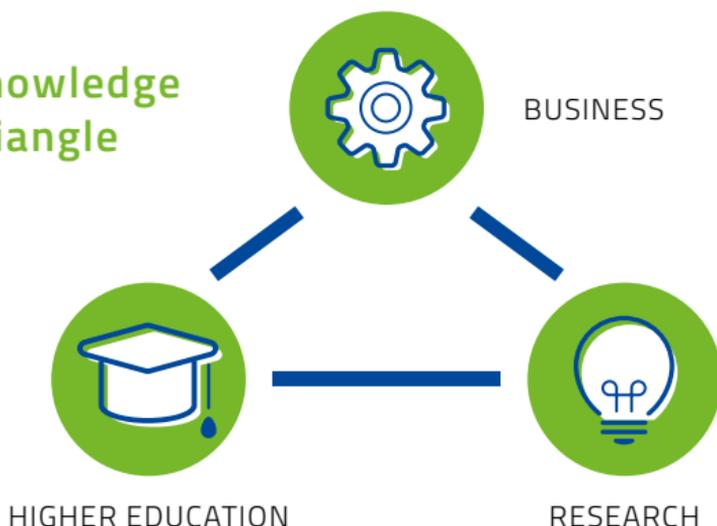
The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an independent EU body that is boosting Europe's ability to innovate.

The EIT nurtures entrepreneurial talent and supports new ideas, bringing together the 'knowledge triangle' of leading companies, universities and research centres to form dynamic cross-border partnerships called Innovation Communities (KICs).

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) is the EIT Community's outreach scheme. The objective of the EIT RIS is to contribute to boosting innovation in European countries and regions that belong to the groups of 'modest and moderate' innovators (according to the European Innovation Scoreboard). The EIT Community strives to achieve this objective by engaging local organisations and individuals in KIC activities, transfer good practises and know-how to the local innovation ecosystems and provide tailor-made services to address innovation gaps.

The EIT RIS transfers good practises of EIT Community's innovation model based on the knowledge triangle integration approach. To do so, the EIT Community will designate EIT Hubs in EIT RIS eligible countries and regions with an ambition to grow them into regional and national innovation hubs able to spark the cooperation among local knowledge triangle actors to facilitate the use of local competences and resources for a better innovation output.

## Knowledge Triangle



# Meet our Innovation Communities



Climate-KIC is the EU's largest public private partnership addressing climate change through innovation to build a zero-carbon economy. In Climate-KIC, we aim to have impact in all EU member states and uses the EIT RIS as a strategic instrument to build relationships with dynamic partners all across Europe, spanning the knowledge triangle. Our priority themes are: urban areas, land use, production systems, climate metrics and finance.



EIT Digital invests in strategic areas to accelerate market uptake of research-based digital technologies and to bring entrepreneurial talent and leadership to Europe. In the framework of the EIT RIS activities, our objective is to connect local and regional Innovation Centres to EIT Digital's innovation and education ecosystem. Our innovation action lines are: digital industry, digital cities, digital wellbeing and digital infrastructure.



EIT Food aims to increase the innovativeness of EIT RIS countries by: involving the upcoming innovation leaders in agri-food-related projects; building upon the strategic importance of stakeholders from EIT RIS countries in the European food system as primary producers, suppliers of digital technologies and experts in logistics; ensuring better connectedness between consumers and producers, transparency and security of European food production; and leveraging the agri-food-related regional and national Smart Specialisation Strategies.



EIT Health is one of the biggest healthcare initiatives worldwide. Our EIT RIS program is a comprehensive, with the double goal of developing innovation ecosystems in targeted regions as well as to provide access for local actors to best-in-class EIT Health programs. In line with these goals EIT Health will run asset identification, project and network analysis and also introduce an intelligent matchmaking tool for EIT RIS Partners. Our mission is to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation to address three key challenges: promote healthy living, support active ageing, improve healthcare.



In EIT InnoEnergy, we support and invest in innovation at every stage of the journey – from classroom to end customer. In the framework of our EIT RIS activities, we help to turn early stage startups into a successful business. By joining EIT InnoEnergy, you could benefit from our Venture Capital Community, get your technology innovation financed through the Innovation projects, or find the best experts in the technology area of your interest. Our thematic fields are: clean coal and gas technologies, energy storage, energy efficiency, energy from chemical fuels, renewable energies, smart and efficient buildings and cities, smart electric grid, nuclear instrumentation.



EIT RawMaterials is the largest and strongest consortium in the raw materials sector worldwide. One of EIT RawMaterials' main tasks is bringing the EIT RIS regions and countries to the EIT RawMaterials and the EIT RawMaterials to the EIT RIS regions and countries, allowing all relevant stakeholders from EIT RIS countries to participate in European raw materials related projects and funding schemes. Our thematic fields are: circular economy, exploration, mining, processing, recycling, substitution.

# Our success stories

## **Accelerator programme for cleantech entrepreneurs**

In 2016 we started to roll out the Climate-KIC EIT RIS Accelerator programme, a dedicated programme for cleantech entrepreneurs from EIT RIS countries that provides education, training, networking opportunities and grants to organisations at the forefront of climate change adaptation and mitigation. Since then, we have been able to incubate more than 120 business ideas, boosting the EIT RIS countries' local ecosystems and innovation capacity. CLIMATE-KIC

## **The launch of the Regional Hub in Greece**

We announced the creation of a Regional Hub at "EIT RawMaterials 1<sup>st</sup> Greek Raw Materials Community Dialogue" in Athens on 23-24 November 2016. This met with highly positive feedback and support of more than 150 participants from more than 12 companies, authorities, and academia (NTUA, University of Crete). Actions of the Hub, dedicated events, bilateral meetings and creation of real business that responds to the heart of the individual parts of the "knowledge triangle" challenges, will be the core ingredient to maintain the Local Ecosystem. EIT RAWMATERIALS

## **The "Skeleton" project in Estonia**

This project addresses the need for a lightweight, cost-effective and powerful energy storage system, with the next generation ultracapacitor, which will produce higher efficiency and a lower cost-of ownership. The key innovation is a significant increase in energy and power density. The performance advantage comes from Skeleton Technology's patented nanoporous carbon material (carbide-derived carbon, CDC). Unlike competitors, Skeleton Technologies is the only company to use an inorganic precursor to ultracapacitors. EIT INNOENERGY

**Visit [eit.europa.eu](http://eit.europa.eu) for more information**  
**#eitris**

# Engage with us

## EIT Regional Innovation Scheme

Laura Supjeva and Katerina Sereti  
EITRIS@eit.europa.eu

## Climate-KIC

Julia Panny ▪ julia.panny@climate-kic.org

## EIT Digital

Fabio Pianesi ▪ fabio.pianesi@eitdigital.eu

## EIT Food

Krzysztof Klincewicz ▪ krzysztof.klincewicz@eitfood.eu

## EIT Health

Peter Nagy ▪ peter.nagy@eithealth.eu

## EIT InnoEnergy

Agata Mazepus ▪ agata.mazepus@kicinnoenergy.com

## EIT RawMaterials

Markus Klein and Mikko Korhonen  
ris@eitrawmaterials.eu

## Countries eligible\* to take part in the EIT RIS are

**EU Member States:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Romania

## H2020 Associated Countries in Europe:

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine

\* [ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/facts-figures/scoreboards\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/facts-figures/scoreboards_en)



KICs are supported by the EIT,  
a body of the European Union



Publications Office