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# Making innovation happen!

## 2018 Call for Innovation Community Proposals

### EIT Manufacturing Webinar

Martin KERN, EIT Interim Director

7 September 2017

# Added-value manufacturing: a cross-cutting challenge

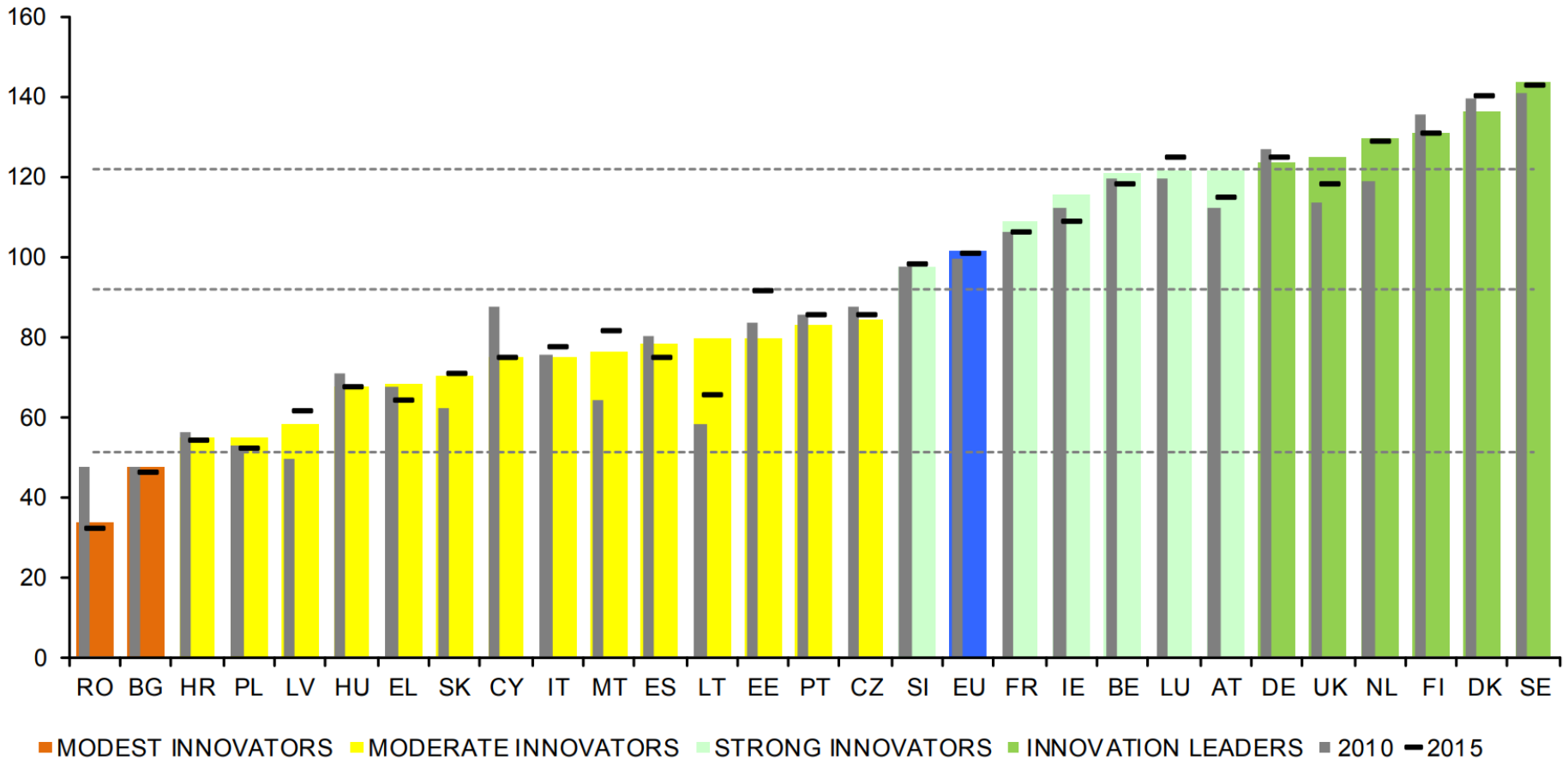
## KONUX Smart sensor monitoring systems



*"We've received  
invaluable coaching  
from EIT Digital & we've  
benefited from joint  
promotional activities."*  
Andreas Kunze, CEO of  
KONUX



# Innovation in the EU



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**Our vision is to become the leading European initiative that empowers innovators and entrepreneurs to develop world-class solutions to societal challenges, and create growth and skilled jobs.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> EU initiative bringing together the three sides of the 'knowledge triangle': business (companies and SMEs), education institutions and research centres.
- aim to increase the cooperation and integration between higher education, business and research to facilitate the transition from:

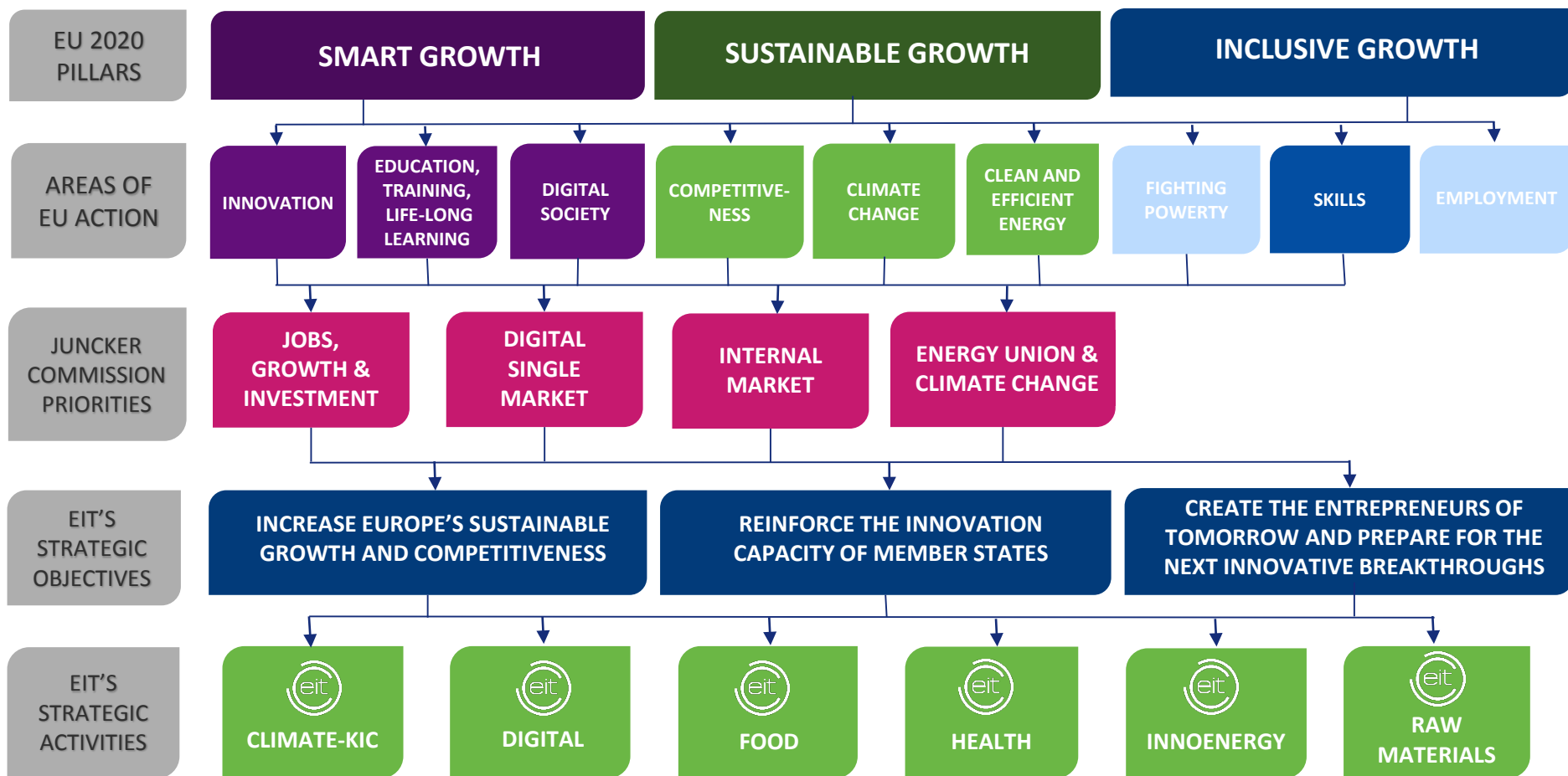


**student to  
entrepreneur**

**idea to product**

**lab to customer**

# EIT's contribution to the Europe 2020 Strategy and to the Juncker Commission Agenda



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Source: Deloitte Report - How do EU agencies and other bodies contribute to the Europe 2020 Strategy and to the Juncker Commission Agenda? (November 2016)

# EIT – an integral part of

## HORIZON 2020



The EIT contributes to H2020 by addressing societal challenges via the integration of the knowledge triangle



H2020 has a budget of approx. € 75 billion for 2014 to 2020, out of which the EIT has been allocated € 2.4 billion



The EIT will further nurture synergies and complementarities across H2020 and its different initiatives



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# EIT priorities 2014 – 2020

1

**Fostering**  
growth & impact of  
first 3 innovation  
communities

**EIT Climate-KIC**

**EIT Digital**

**EIT InnoEnergy**

2

**Creating**  
5 new innovation  
communities

**2014**

**EIT Health**

**EIT Raw Materials**

**2016**

**EIT Food**

**2018**

**EIT Manufacturing**

**EIT Urban Mobility**

3

**Sharing and  
Disseminating**

**EIT Community  
good practices**

**Inc. EIT Regional  
Innovation Scheme  
(EIT RIS)**



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# EIT's Innovation Communities

**EIT Climate-KIC**



**EIT Digital**



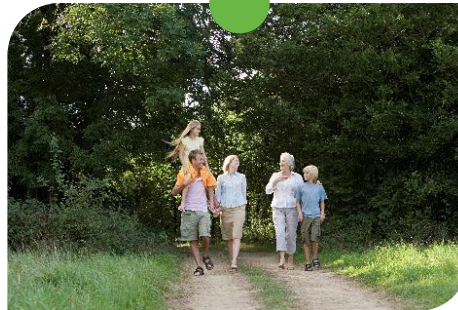
**EIT InnoEnergy**



**EIT Raw Materials**



**EIT Health**

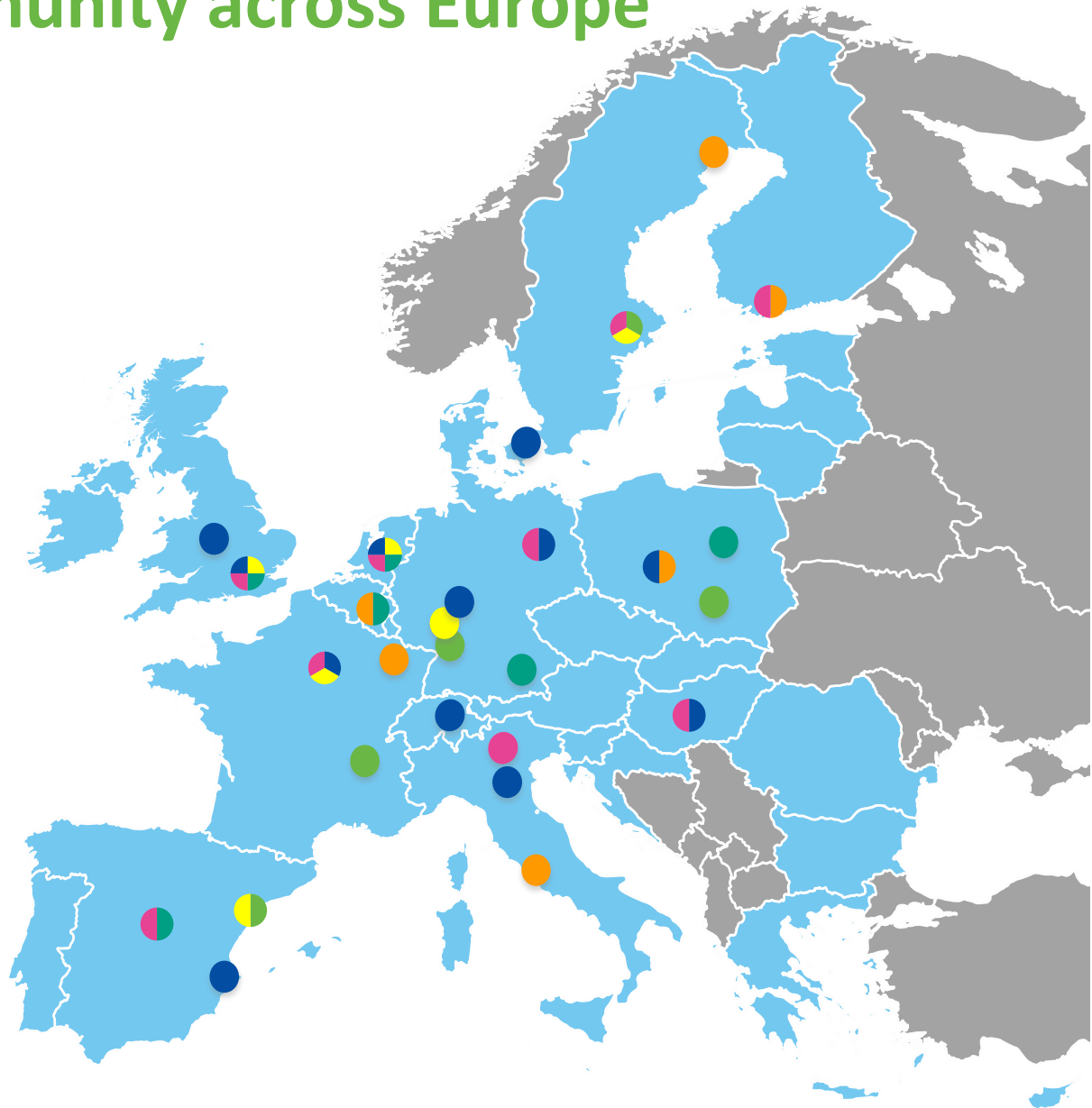


**EIT Food**



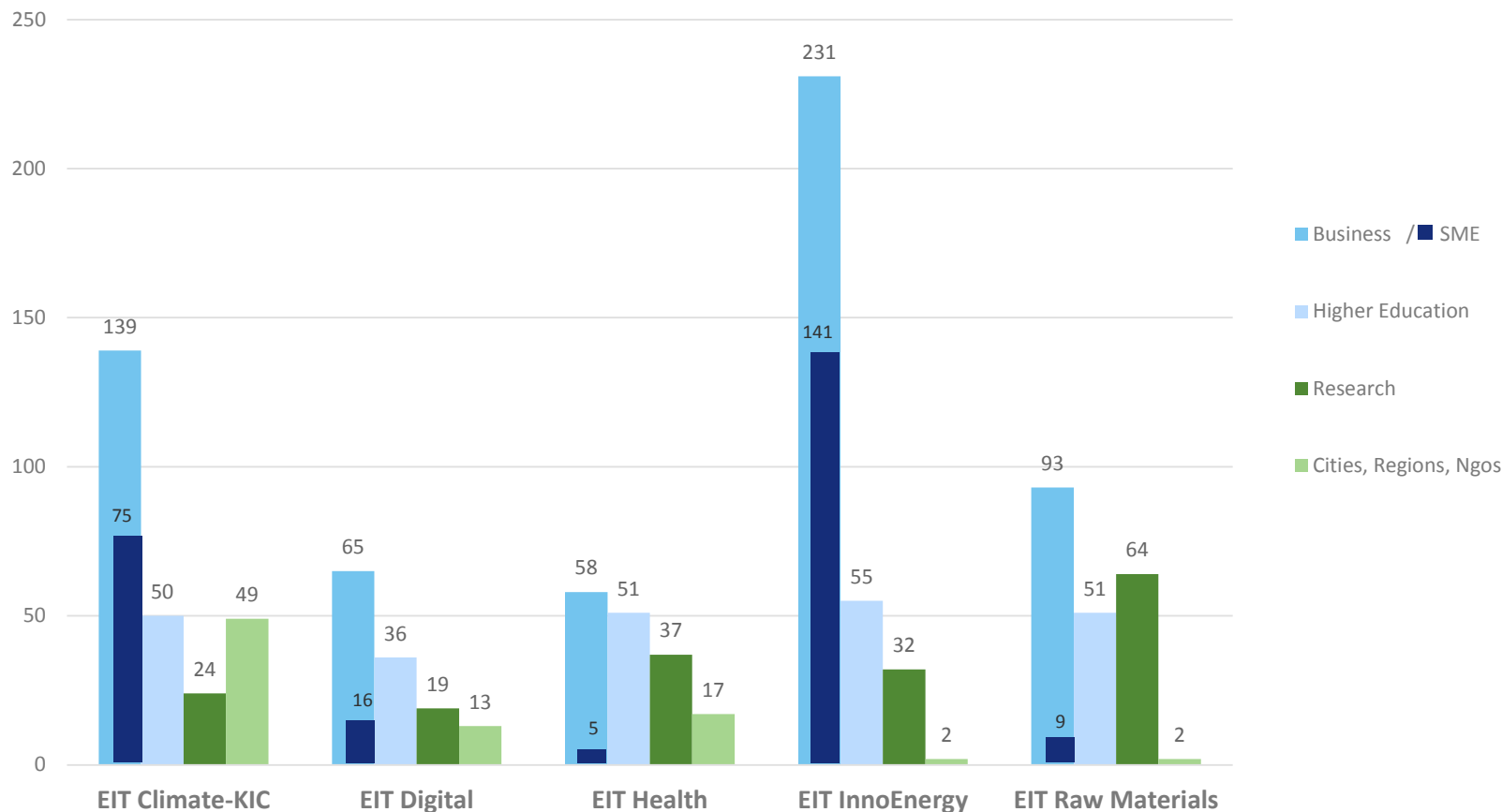


# EIT Community across Europe



# Overview of EIT Community partners

Today, the EIT Community brings together more than **1000 partners**:





## Our strategy to boost innovation in Europe

Facilitate the development of European ecosystems where research, business and education come together to find sustainable solutions to societal challenges by:

- Creating interconnected knowledge and creativity hotspots
- Fostering talent: innovators, entrepreneurs and students
- Attracting investors

**→ Through the EIT's unique innovation model and our Innovation Communities (KICs or Knowledge and Innovation Communities)**



## EIT Model

- **High degree of integration:** each EIT innovation community is an independent legal entity, gathering world-class partners from across the knowledge triangle based on a contractual relationship/partnership with the EIT.
- **Long-term strategic approach:** each EIT innovation community is set up for a minimum of 7 years to eventually become financially sustainable.
- **Autonomy & flexibility:** to determine organisational structure and activities governed by a Board of partner organisations.
- **Effective governance:** run by a CEO and a lean management team at central and Co-location Centre level all implementing the Principles of Good Governance.





## EIT Model

- **Innovation Hubs** (Co-location Centres): each EIT innovation community consists of innovation hubs leveraging on existing capacities and building pan-European networks.
- **Smart funding & high degree of commitment of partners**
- **Results & high impact oriented activities:** EIT innovation communities implement a Business Plan with measurable results and impact.
- **Synergies & complementarities:** with EU, national, regional and local initiatives
- **Outreach** incl. EIT Regional Innovation Scheme
- **Culture:** EIT innovation communities are shaped by strong entrepreneurial mind-sets and culture.

# EIT's Innovation Hubs



**Bring ideas and people together in new ways.**



**Create opportunities for new and existing organisations to access leading European teams.**



**Contribute to the development of a regional entrepreneurial culture.**



**Seek synergies and complementarities with regional, national and EU policies & programmes to boost innovation and entrepreneurship.**



**Build trust and openness among their partners.**



**Facilitate the exchange of ideas and interactions between partners and other stakeholders.**

# EIT Regional Innovation Scheme

## EU-13 share of funding and participation (EIT KIC grants 2015)

Funding: 8.3% (Horizon 2020: 4.7%) - Participation: 11.3% (Horizon 2020: 7.8%)

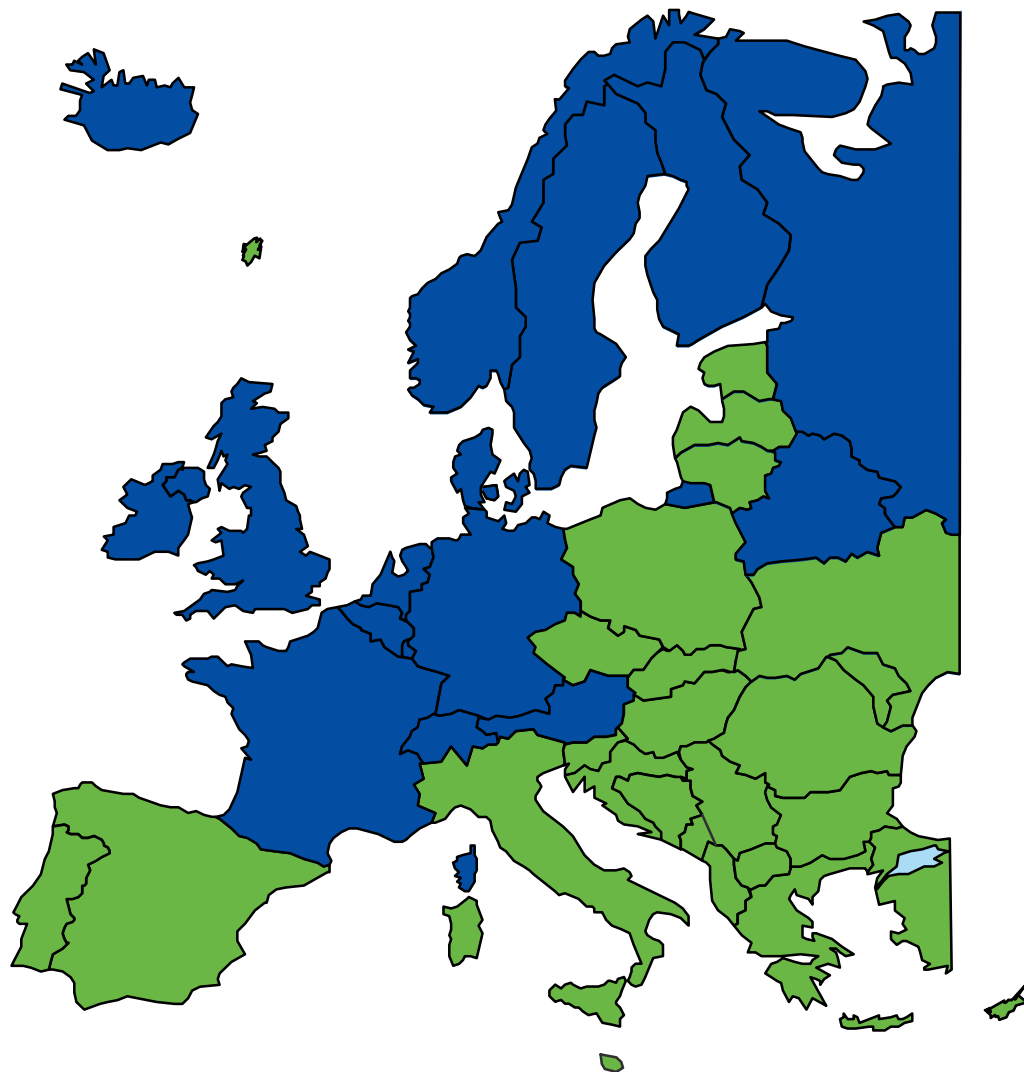
## Eligible countries:

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1) Bulgaria       | 16) Spain                                 |
| 2) Croatia        | 17) Romania                               |
| 3) Cyprus         | 18) Albania                               |
| 4) Czech Republic | 19) Armenia                               |
| 5) Estonia        | 20) Bosnia and Herzegovina                |
| 6) Greece         | 21) Faroe Islands                         |
| 7) Hungary        | 22) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| 8) Italy          | 23) Georgia                               |
| 9) Latvia         | 24) Moldova                               |
| 10) Lithuania     | 25) Montenegro                            |
| 11) Malta         | 26) Serbia                                |
| 12) Poland        | 27) Turkey                                |
| 13) Portugal      | 28) Ukraine                               |
| 14) Slovakia      |   |
| 15) Slovenia      |   |

\* Based on the Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2016/  
group of Moderate and Modest innovator



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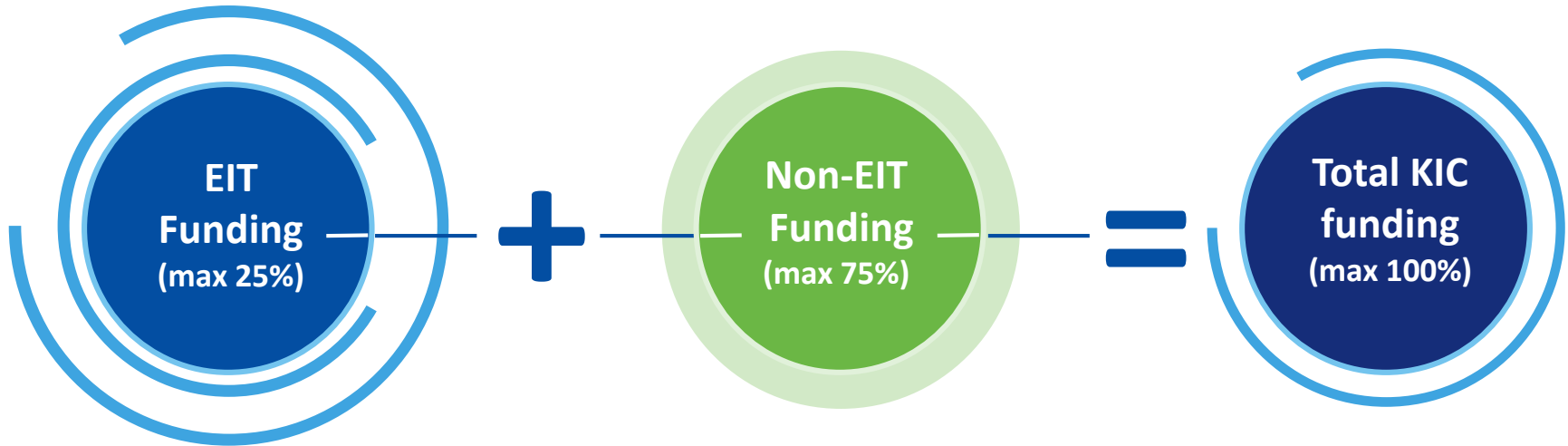
# EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) Objectives

- Contribute to enhancing of the innovation capacity in **moderate and modest innovators\*** Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries.
- Share and transfer good practices of **knowledge triangle integration** to widen participation in EIT KIC activities.
- **Allow for synergies and efficiency gains** in regions that have been designing **Smart Specialisation Strategies** and are looking for a better integration of the Knowledge Triangle to boost their innovation capacity.





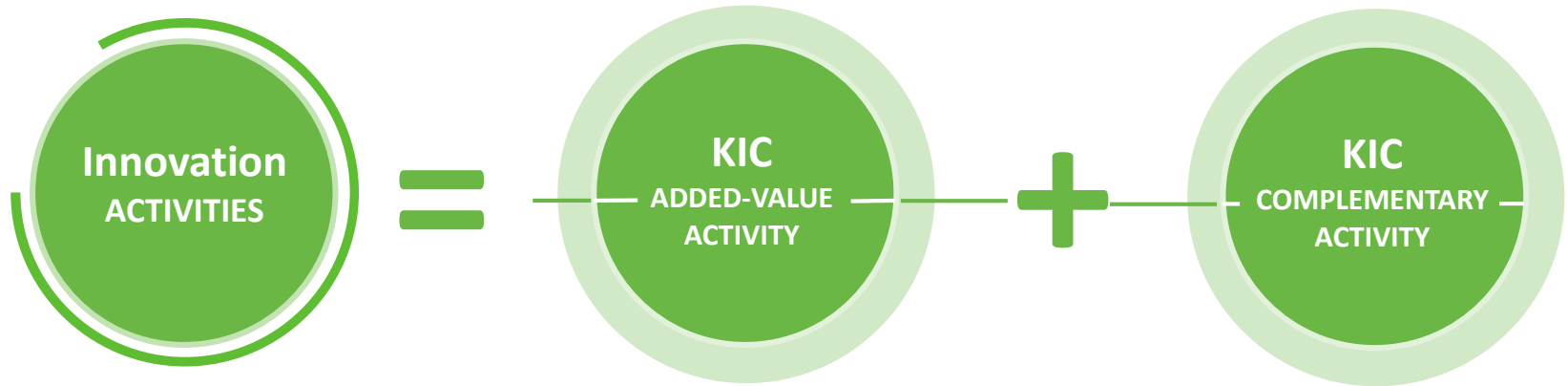
# EIT Funding Model



## Combining EIT and non-EIT funding to:

- Ensure long-term involvement of partners
- Incentivise financial commitment from partners
- Provide a catalyst for investment in innovation

# Innovation Community activities



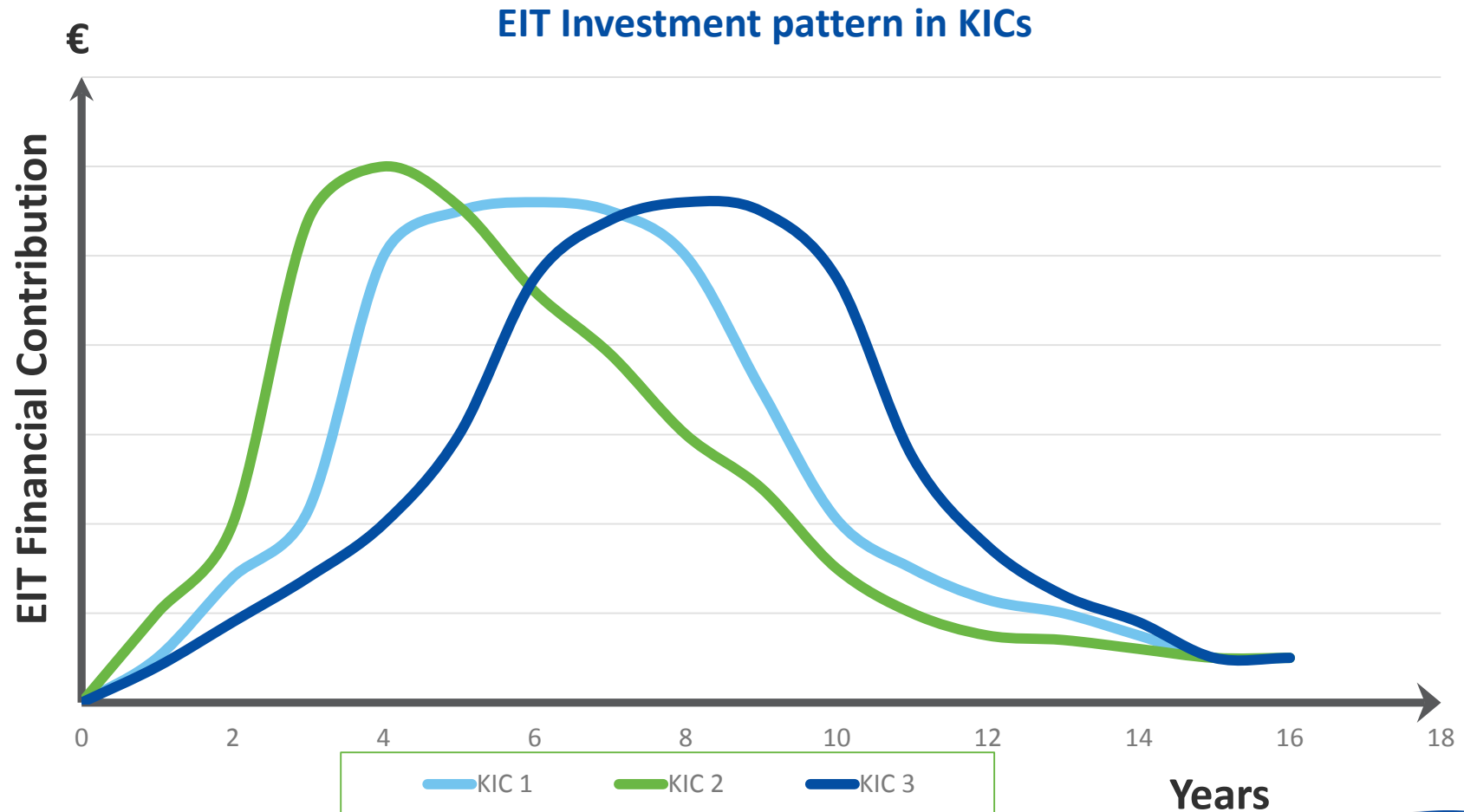
Portfolio of activities from:

- Education
- Research driven innovation
- Entrepreneurship: business creation and acceleration

- Contributing to the integration of the knowledge triangle and the overall objectives of the EIT
- Establishment, administration and coordination of activities
- May be financed up to 100% by the EIT

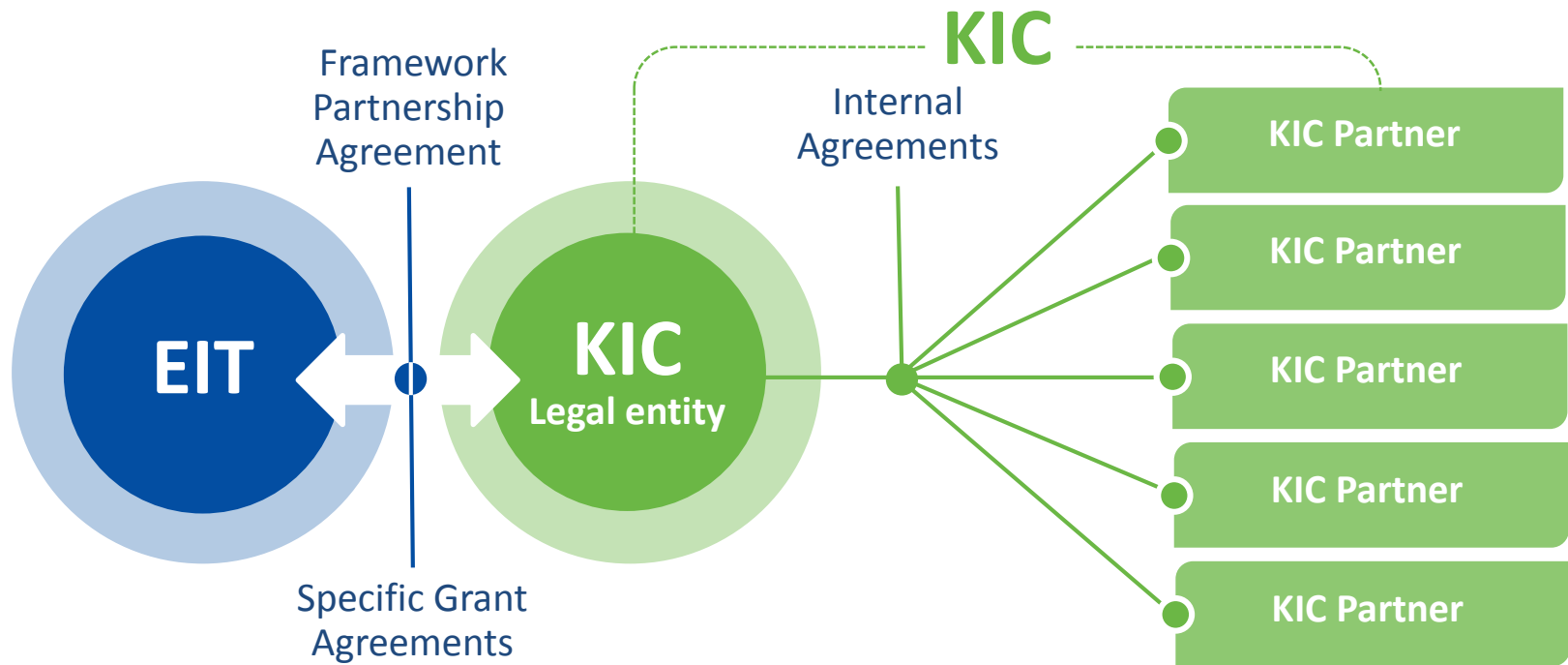
- Having a clear and described link with at least one KIC added-value activity
- Not financed by the EIT

# EIT Approach to Financial Sustainability



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# EIT Community contractual relations



The long-term cooperation between the Innovation Community and the KIC partners must be formalised through Internal Agreements



# EIT Community achievements

The EIT's Innovation Communities are growing into thriving European innovation hubs:



**1224**

number of graduates



**305**

number of start-ups created



**430**

number of new or improved  
products, services and  
processes launched



**2242**

number of business  
ideas incubated



**1232**

number of knowledge  
transfers/adoption



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Figures – August 2017

# EIT Awards 2016

## EIT VENTURE AWARD

**Florian Schneider**

(Co-founder and COO)

**Nerdalize**

- **The idea:** Nerdalize heats houses with computing power. By placing powerful servers in the form of a radiator in people's homes, we heat the home with the heat the servers produce. This means the home owner saves on heating, and companies and researchers using computing power save 30-50% on their computing jobs.

- **EIT Community connection:** Part of the EIT Climate-KIC Accelerator programme at the Dutch Co-location Centre



## EIT INNOVATORS AWARD

**Norbert Kuipers**

**Water and Energy for Climate Change (WE4CC)**

- **Project aim:** To use membrane distillation and desiccant recovery systems to turn low-grade waste heat or renewable solar PVT heat into high-quality water and indoor air.
- **EIT Community connection:** EIT Climate-KIC

## EIT CHANGE AWARD

**Allen Mohammadi**

(CEO and Co-founder)

**Hippogriff AB**

(main product: Complex Disease Detector)

- **The idea:** Complex Disease Detector (CDD) is an accurate, non-invasive and inexpensive tool for the screening and early diagnosis of heart disease. It uses a patient's medical data and offers a decision support tool to doctors, while also helping patients to discover if they suffer from heart disease, even if they show no symptoms.

- **EIT Community connection:** EIT InnoEnergy Master School ENTECH Programme (KIT and Uppsala University 2013-2015)

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Kristina Tsvetanova of  
EIT Digital-supported  
BLITAB Technology wins  
EU 'Rising Innovator' Prize

# INNOVEIT 2017: Meet the EIT Community

The EIT's Innovation Forum 'INNOVEIT 2017' combines the EIT Awards and the EIT Stakeholder Forum. This year has a specific focus on shaping the future of innovation in Europe and consulting stakeholders on the EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda for 2021 to 2027.

**Join and meet the EIT Community as well as other innovation stakeholders at INNOVEIT 2017 on 16-17 October in Budapest**

**innoveit.eu**







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# Questions & Answers



## What are eligible costs for EIT grants?

→ The EIT's financial rules are based on Horizon 2020 (the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation) rules with minor derogations on certain cost items.



## What is the maximum amount granted and at what %?

→ It is yet to be seen, but expected to be around 400 M EUR over seven years for each Innovation Community. Over the entire period, the Innovation Community has to secure 75% of the entire budget.



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# EIT 2018 Call for Proposals

## EIT Manufacturing



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# EIT's 2018 Call for two new Innovation Communities



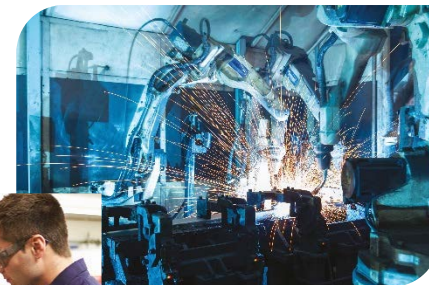
## EIT Urban Mobility\*

Smart, green and integrated transport



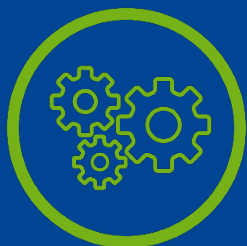
## EIT Manufacturing\*

Added-value manufacturing



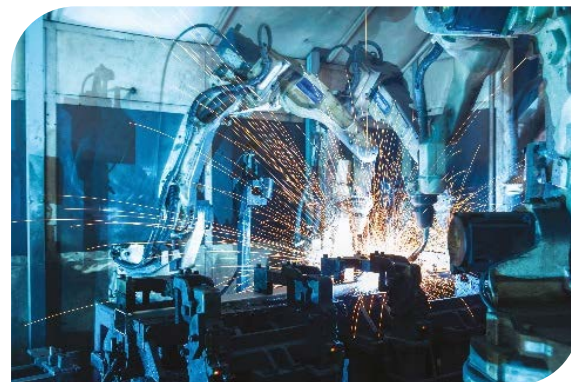


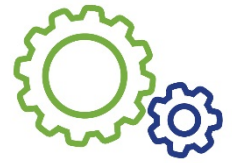
# EIT Manufacturing\*



Strengthen high-value (or added-value) manufacturing industries to guarantee Europe's competitive position.

Create value by delivering product and service innovation, establishing process excellence, achieving high brand recognition and contributing to a sustainable society.





# Added-value manufacturing

- The theme of competitiveness of Union Member States on the global market has been identified as one of the major challenges which will be addressed within the framework of Horizon 2020. One of the sectors where the problem is particularly urgent is **manufacturing**.
- The overall objectives in the field of manufacturing must be **increased competitiveness** of Europe within the global market as well as the development of more **sustainable and environment friendly** manufacturing processes



# Added-value manufacturing

An Innovation Community on added-value manufacturing will help meet Horizon 2020 priorities in terms of advanced manufacturing and processing, and its specific objective of "transforming today's industrial forms of production towards more knowledge intensive, sustainable, low-emission, trans-sectoral manufacturing and processing technologies, to realise innovative products, processes and services".



Theme is presented in the EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda 2014-2020: [https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/added-value\\_manufacturing\\_sia\\_factsheet.pdf](https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/added-value_manufacturing_sia_factsheet.pdf)

# Lessons learnt from the 2016 Call:

## Improvements planned



- **Decrease preparation cost for proposers:** reduction of legal and operational readiness requirements of applicants at proposal stage (to be included during the 1<sup>st</sup> year start-up phase) – at the application stage **focus on Strategy and Impact**
- Further **simplification** of the criteria wording
- Further **clarification on the Hearings with the EIT Governing Board** in Call for Proposals



# Messages to potential applicants (1)

- **EIT: non-prescriptive approach:** EIT did not indicate any particular sectors or approach as innovation stakeholders are best placed to decide which approach to take when tackling particular societal challenges.
- **Impact should be very specific and quantifiable:** proposals are expected to define their focus in specific areas or activities.
- **Added-value:** the proposal needs to be explicit on what is intended to be achieved by an Innovation Community and why it cannot be achieved by other programmes/initiatives.





# Messages to potential applicants (2)

- Proposals should be based on **current priorities** facing the sector, develop a pan-European strategy to address these priorities and include a convincing implementation plan and suitable KIC partnership to succeed.
- Call's overarching principles are **excellence and impact** and applicants should propose the area(s) and approach that will deliver the biggest economic and societal impact.



## Messages to potential applicants (3)

- Direct early **industry** engagement is key. A strong impact from an Innovation Community cannot be expected without industry leadership and strategic engagement.
- EIT is **not a research programme!** – EIT Innovation Communities develop innovative products and services, start new companies, and train a new generation of entrepreneurs.
- **Entrepreneurship education** is a key pillar of EIT activities.



# Benefits of business engagement :

- Access to **the most powerful, pan-European network of the most innovative European organisations** from business, education & research;
- Unique opportunity for **cross sector collaboration**;
- Unique **market leverage opportunity at EU level** for innovative ideas, products, processes and services;
- Opportunity for active involvement in **shaping the EU innovation, research and education agendas** relevant for the sector;
- Unique opportunity to **address fragmentation of the innovation potential** in the sector by mobilising the critical mass.





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# Questions & Answers



## Is there a difference between the Call in added-value manufacturing and the one for EIT Manufacturing?


- The thematic area that will be addressed by the new Innovation Community is added-value manufacturing as outlined in the EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda 2014-2020: [https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/added-value\\_manufacturing\\_sia\\_factsheet.pdf](https://eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/added-value_manufacturing_sia_factsheet.pdf).
- **EIT Manufacturing** is the name of the Innovation Community that will be selected.





## Why was no Innovation Community designated in the area of added value manufacturing in 2016?

→ Following Hearing with the applicant, the EIT Governing Board concluded that the proposal did not meet the excellence levels required to be designated as an Innovation Community.



**The EIT has mentioned in its preliminary information that less emphasis needs to be given to the legal and organizational set-up in the 2018 call. What does this mean besides the minimum requirements outlined in the evaluation criteria?**

→ Indeed, the evaluation criteria have changed, giving higher importance to strategy and impact. Moreover, the EIT's expectations on the level of operational readiness of a proposal are reduced compared to previous calls as reflected in the points of the technical evaluation criteria (p.4). The start-up phase could be used to get the Innovation Community operationally ready.



## What is the difference between new Innovation Communities and existing ones and their ongoing activities in added value manufacturing?

→ Innovation Communities tackle different societal challenges but there are linkages and synergies between them. The EIT actively encourages them to cooperate.



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# EIT 2018 Call for Proposals

## Evaluation criteria



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# 2018 Call for Proposals– Evaluation Criteria (1)

- **Admissibility and exclusion criteria**
- **Eligibility criteria:**
  - content and scope correspond to the topic of the Call and the KIC model
  - complies with the following eligibility conditions:
    - at least **3 independent organisations** from at least **3 different EU Member States**;
    - at least two thirds of the partner organisations are established in EU Member States;
    - at least 1 higher education institution and 1 private company;
    - **maximum of 50 partners.**



# 2018 Call for Proposals– Evaluation Criteria (2)

- **Financial and Operational Capacity (Selection) Criteria:**  
capacity of the coordinator, and the proposed interim management team
  - The organisation of the Partnership's Coordinator (will be subject to the **financial capacity assessment** if (and when) the KIC has been designated and the Coordinator is subject to a financial viability check. Financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of the financial viability check.

# 2018 Call for Proposals– Evaluation Criteria (3)

## Operational capacity criteria

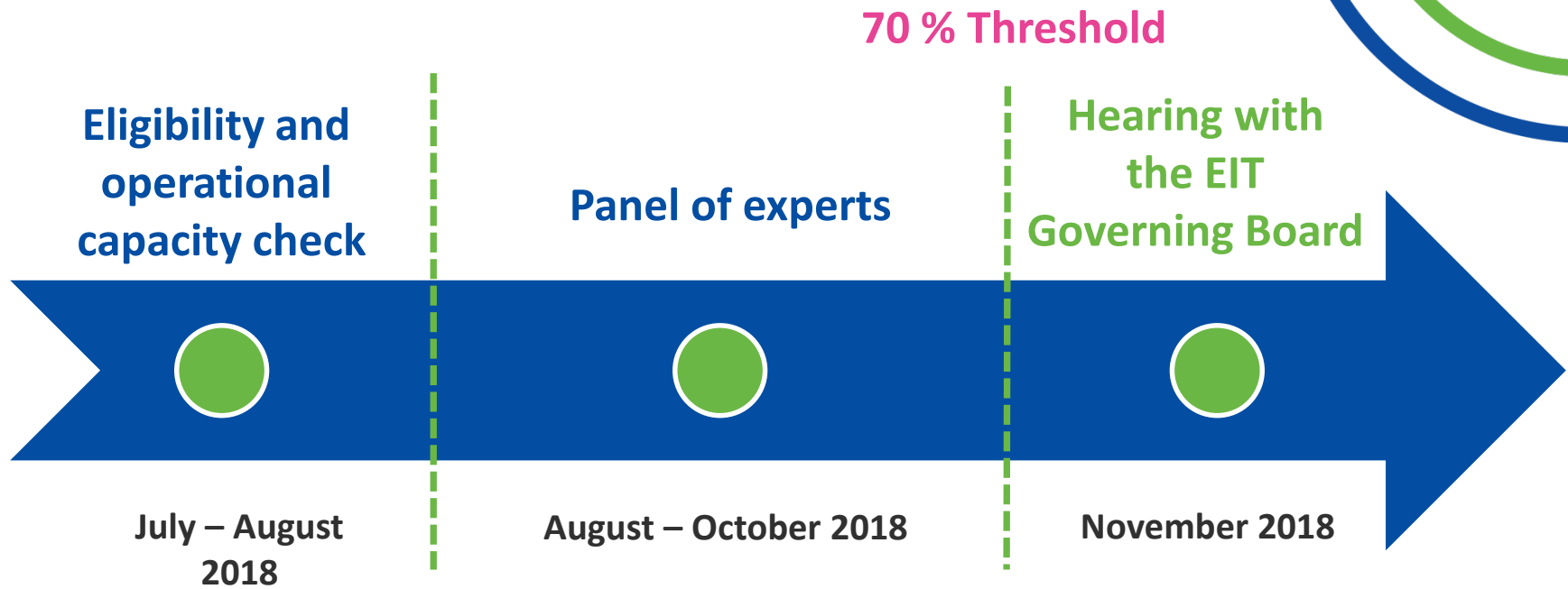
- 1) The **Partnership's Coordinator's familiarity with the Call's theme and experience** of coordinating and/or participating in international projects related to the integration of the three sides of the Knowledge Triangle, as well as familiarity with the European Union's financial procedures;
- 2) The capability and necessary experience of the key members of the **Interim Management Team** (Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operational Officer).

**Only proposals that pass the operational capacity verification will be evaluated by the external experts.**

# 2018 Call for Proposals– Evaluation Criteria (4)

STRATEGY 40 points max.	OPERATIONS 20 points max.	IMPACT 40 points max.
TOTAL 100 points		
<b>1.1 STRATEGIC APPROACH</b> [15 points max] <b>1.2 KIC PARTNERSHIP INNOVATION POTENTIAL</b> [15 points max] <b>1.3 SYNERGIES</b> [10 points max]	<b>2.1 OPERATIONS</b> [10 points max] <b>2.2 KIC BUSINESS MODEL AND FINANCIAL PLAN</b> [10 points max]	<b>3.1 IMPACT AND KIC SCOREBOARD</b> [30 points max] <b>3.2 DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS AND COMMUNICATION</b> [10 points max]

# 2018 Call for Proposals – evaluation phases



# 2018 Call for Proposals – Hearings with the EIT Governing Board



## Governing Board Hearing Criteria:

- **Strategy** - adaptability and suitability of the KIC model for the proposed strategic approach by the applicant and potential contribution to the EIT's strategic objectives;
- **Operations** – feasibility of the proposed operational model and its financial sustainability, taking into account lessons learnt from current KICs, suitability of the interim management team;
- **Impact** – consistency of the applicant's KIC model, its potential and feasibility to achieve a significant and sustainable systemic impact in line with the EIT's overall objectives;

**10 points for each criteria - total of 30 points.**

The proposal with the highest number of points (out of 130) will be designated.  
One EIT Innovation Community designated per theme : EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility

# 2018 Call for Proposals – what happens if you win?

- The EIT awards a **start-up grant** of up to EUR 4 million to each of the two new Innovation Communities to facilitate their:
  - Legal readiness
  - Operational readiness
  - Fostering the EIT brand identity
  - 1<sup>st</sup> activities
- The modalities of the Start-Up Grant will be communicated to the new Innovation Communities shortly after the designation decision of the EIT Governing Board in November 2018.







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# Questions & Answers



**Is it possible for one legal entity to act as a partner in two competing consortia? Would such a situation be in compliance with the eligibility criteria of the EIT?**

→ Yes, the same organisation can participate in more than one consortium preparing a proposal.



**In the case of cluster organisations participating as a partner in a KIC, is the signature of the FPA by the cluster organisation and a verified legal connection by the individual members of the cluster an acceptable solution to the EIT?**

→ The eligibility criteria, including the ones relating to partners, are presented in the Evaluation Criteria (page 1). A cluster organisation may participate as long as it is a legal entity fulfilling them.



## Where can I find more information about the Call?

→ All information relating to the EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals, including FAQs, is posted on the EIT's website and will include answers to all questions that have been submitted to the EIT.

<https://eit.europa.eu/collaborate/2018-call-for-proposals>



## Who should I contact if I have any questions?

→ Questions should only be submitted via the Contact Page on the EIT Website:  
<https://eit.europa.eu/contact>.





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## Next Steps



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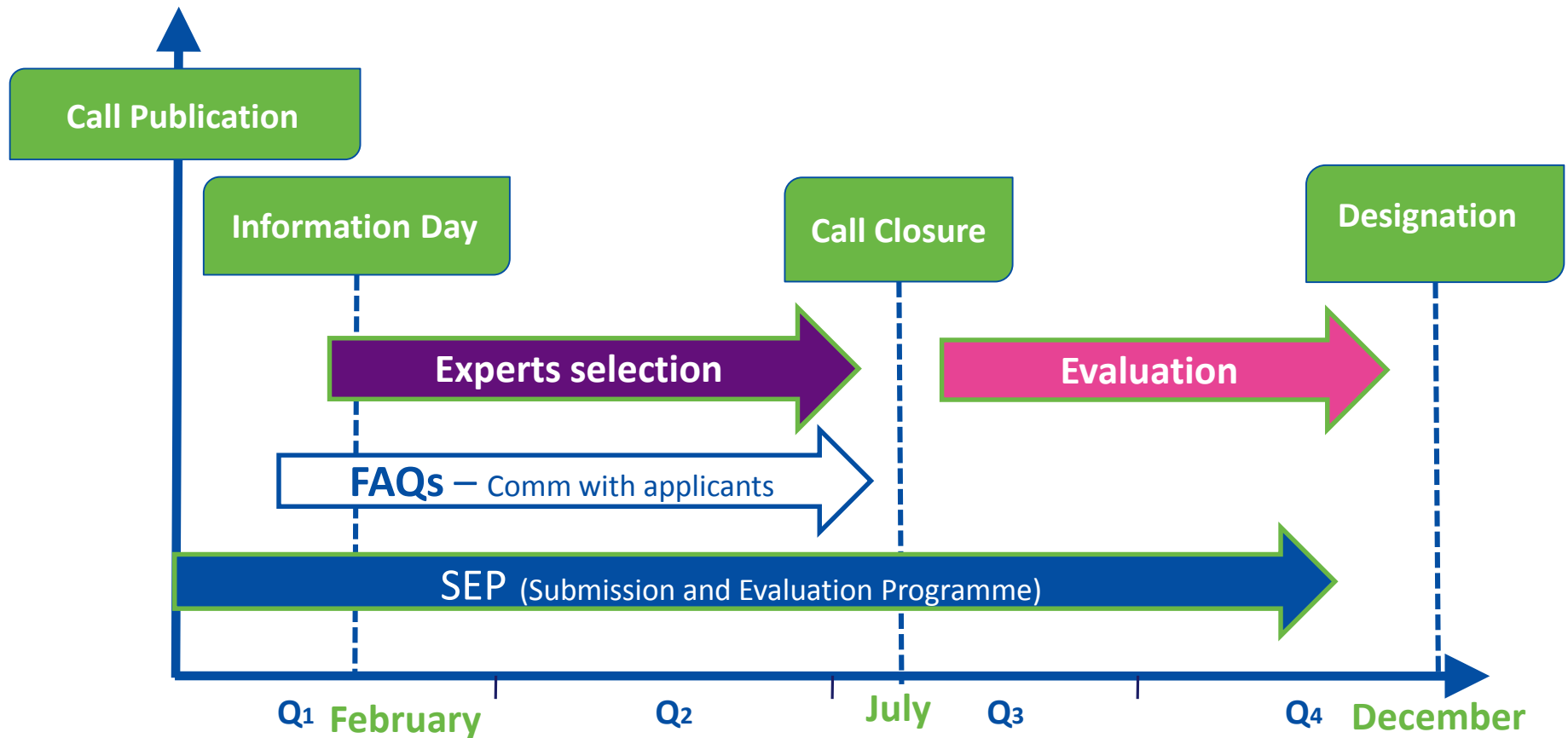
# Key dates for the 2018 Call for Proposals

- **November 2017**: Publication of the Framework of Guidance
- **12 January 2018**: Launch of the EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals: EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility
- **13 February 2018**: EIT Information Day in Brussels
- **12 July 2018**: Closure of the 2018 Call for Proposals
- **December 2018**: EIT's two new Innovation Communities selected: EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility

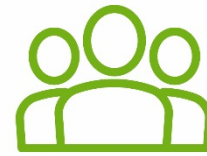


# EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals:

## Indicative timeline submission & evaluation



# Save the date and join us for the **Information Day** on the EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals



**13 February 2018 – Brussels**

- All elements of the 2018 Call presented
- Meet potential applicants





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