MAKING INNOVATION HAPPEN
European Solutions to Global Challenges by the EIT’s Innovation Communities

- **EIT Climate-KIC**
  Accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon economy

- **EIT Digital**
  Drive Europe’s digital transformation

- **EIT Food**
  Lead a global revolution in food innovation and production

- **EIT Health**
  Give EU citizens greater opportunities for a healthy life

- **EIT Urban Mobility**
  Smart, green and integrated transport

- **EIT RawMaterials**
  Develop raw materials into a major strength for Europe

- **EIT Manufacturing**
  Strengthen and increase the competitiveness of Europe’s manufacturing industry

- **EIT InnoEnergy**
  Achieve a sustainable energy future for Europe

#EITCommunity  #EITinAction
The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) was created by the EU in 2008 to drive innovation across Europe by finding groundbreaking solutions to pressing global challenges.

To power innovation, Europe needs a pipeline of ideas, talent and the supporting environment. This is precisely what the EIT delivers: Europe’s largest innovation network. Empowering entrepreneurs, innovators and students to turn their best ideas into revolutionary solutions for a greener, healthier and more sustainable future for Europe.

**EIT Innovations:**
- Healing chronic wounds with plasma patches
- Producing chemicals from wood
- Capturing CO2 from the air
- Making electric airplanes a reality
- Ultracapacitors that charge in two seconds and last for more than one million uses
- Producing but consuming no electricity, and at the same time producing safe drinking water from sea water.

The Institute works in a unique way: leading businesses, education and research organisations come together in an EIT Innovation Community to solve a specific global challenge.

How we train entrepreneurs

The EIT changes mindsets towards an entrepreneurial culture with a ‘learning-by-doing’ curricula. Our education programmes focus on creativity, leadership and innovation skills combined with international and cross-organisational mobility. We offer education activities for Master and PhD students. Professional and online courses also form part of the portfolio.

I had never thought of becoming an entrepreneur! EIT InnoEnergy showed me how my research as an engineer has a real impact. Above all, they then showed me how to set up my own company.

Simone Accornero, CEO of FlexiDAO and 2018 EIT CHANGE Awards winner

How we help grow innovative companies

The EIT is so much more than a mere source of funding! First, they boosted our networking opportunities, enabling us to get in contact with crucial stakeholders whom we would never have met. Second, they played a major role when it came to internationalising our solution.

Bieke Van Gorp, Co-founder at Qompium NV and 2018 EIT Venture Awards winner

The EIT Community offers a wide range of business creation and acceleration services: access to finance, to new customers and markets, as well as business skills training.

**OUR MISSION**

Create sustainable economic growth and jobs for Europe to remain competitive

Tackle global challenges to deliver on Europe’s commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Embrace creative thought to let innovation and entrepreneurship thrive across Europe
The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) is designed for EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries who are modest and moderate innovators (European Innovation Scoreboard). The EIT RIS enables innovators and organisations from these countries to join our activities.

Transferring good practice to local innovation ecosystems, and providing tailor-made services for students and entrepreneurs is a centrepiece of our work.

Since the EIT was set up 10 years ago, it has created the largest innovation community in and across Europe. This has delivered:

- EUR 3.3 BILLION EXTERNAL INVESTMENT RAISED BY EIT VENTURES
- 60+ INNOVATION HUBS ACROSS EUROPE
- 8 INNOVATION COMMUNITIES DEDICATED TO SOLVING GLOBAL CHALLENGES
- 1 170+ NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES BROUGHT TO THE MARKET
- 13 000+ JOBS CREATED
- 3 100+ MASTER AND PHD GRADUATES
- 3 200+ VENTURES SUPPORTED

The EIT powers the creation of positive impact. With its network and corporate partners, the EIT Community is an excellent springboard to scale my business.

Solveita Kostjukova
CEO Allina and 2017 EIT Venture Awards nominee

The EIT develops new models of how innovation is approached, managed, financed and delivered in Europe. We combine sectoral and cross-sectoral innovation, connect people from different industries, backgrounds and disciplines. Innovators across Europe join forces to develop tomorrow’s technologies to solve global challenges.

EIT Health immediately put us in contact with the right partners. They really helped bridge the gap between research and market. As a result, we are one of the first validated solutions in this field to enter the EU market!

Ioannis Tarnanas, President & CEO of Alteida and 2018 EIT Innovators Awards winner

How we get your idea from lab to market

How we create opportunities for all innovators

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