



European Institute of  
Innovation & Technology

# Making innovation happen!

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## Our results. More than:\*



**2242**  
business  
ideas



**305**  
innovative  
start-ups



**1232**  
knowledge  
transfers  
and  
adoptions



**430**  
new  
products  
and  
services



**1224**  
graduates  
completing  
EIT degree  
programmes

## What is the EIT and how does it work?

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

The EIT plays a vital role in supporting the EU's objectives of creating sustainable economic growth and jobs by enabling entrepreneurs and innovators to turn their best ideas into products and services for Europe.

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 (KIC- Knowledge and Innovation Community).

### The EIT's mission is to:

- contribute to the competitiveness of Europe, its sustainable economic growth and job creation by promoting and strengthening synergies and cooperation among businesses, education institutions and research organisations
- create favourable environments for creative thought, to enable world-class innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive in Europe

The EIT is an integral part of Horizon 2020, the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

## Electric planes, edible water bottles, artificial trees that clean the air with the power of 275 trees...

The EIT's Innovation Communities create and find innovative solutions to major societal challenges, including energy, climate, health, raw materials, digitalisation and food. They offer access to talent, knowledge, funding and new business sectors to:

- **develop innovative products and services:** take your idea further by bringing it to the market with us!
- **start new companies:** create or accelerate your venture with us!
- **train a new generation of entrepreneurs:** develop your entrepreneurial skills with us!

## What EIT Innovation Communities are there?

The EIT now has six Innovation Communities:

- **EIT Climate-KIC:** addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation challenges
- **EIT Digital:** driving Europe's digital transformation
- **EIT Food:** putting Europe at the centre of a global revolution in food innovation and production
- **EIT Health:** improving quality of life for European citizens and sustainability of health and social care systems
- **EIT InnoEnergy:** achieving sustainable energy
- **EIT Raw Materials:** ensuring the accessibility, availability and sustainable use of raw materials for the economy and citizens

Each of the EIT Innovation Communities operates in innovation hubs. The innovation hubs are spread across the EU to increase the impact of the EIT's activities.

# The EIT: working across Europe

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) is an outreach programme to help more organisations across Europe benefit from the EIT Community's work and participate in its activities. The EIT RIS aims to increase the ability to innovate of European regions not yet working with the EIT and its Innovation Communities. The EIT RIS brings companies, universities, research labs and stakeholder organisations into Europe's largest Innovation Community. In September 2017, the EIT Community brought together more than 1000 partners, including:

**578** companies, including SMEs

**199** higher education institutions

**152** research centres

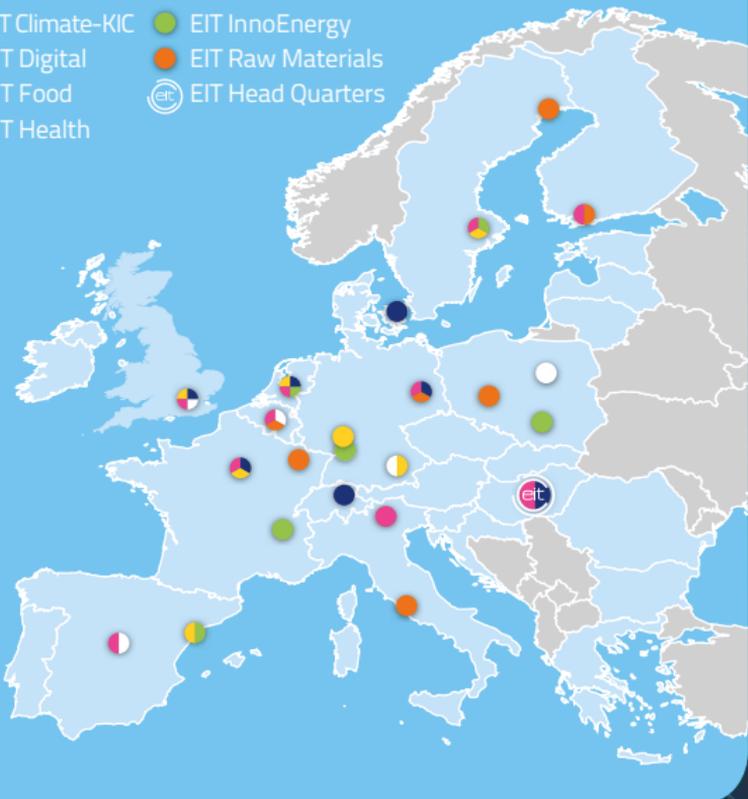
**83** cities, regions and NGOs

## We are growing!

In 2018, we intend to set up two new Innovation Communities:

- **EIT Manufacturing:** strengthening and increasing the competitiveness of Europe's manufacturing industry
- **EIT Urban Mobility:** providing sustainable solutions for urban mobility.

- EIT Climate-KIC
- EIT Digital
- EIT Food
- EIT Health
- EIT InnoEnergy
- EIT Raw Materials
- EIT Head Quarters



## What the EIT offers you?

*"What I really like about the EIT is its openness and its combination of education and entrepreneurship. I don't think any other programme in the world provides that. That's pretty cool. The EIT network is also really important. They are always able to come up with the name of someone who can help you. If you don't have this network, you cannot grow."*

**Govinda Upadhyay, EIT InnoEnergy graduate and EIT Change Award Winner 2015**

*"I would recommend cooperating with the EIT to other large companies ... as the EIT was founded to establish a pan-European ecosystem for innovation and to have a strong European lever for bridging between excellent results of basic research activities and the necessary innovations in the market."*

**Dr Walter Weigel, Siemens Corporate Technology, Germany**

*"Being a partner in EIT Digital fits well with Aalto University's mission and positively contributes to its strategy for internationalisation and competitiveness. The EIT Digital innovation activities have proved beneficial in increasing the business impact of both research-based and student-driven entrepreneurship."*

**Professor Tuula Teeri, President of Aalto University, Finland**

*"The transition to low carbon economy is one of Lower Silesia's objectives and the EIT Climate-KIC is the best partner in this challenge... We believe in the key role of regions and cities to maximise the potential of EIT projects and chart a path for successful low-carbon transition. We would recommend cooperating with the EIT to other local and regional authorities."*

**Przemysław Malczewski, Acting Director of the Institute for Territorial Development, Lower Silesia, Poland**

*"The EIT is a great way to expand my network across Europe and meet people involved in innovative research and businesses. We received great publicity after I won an EIT Change award in 2013 - and it is great to have the reputation of association with the EIT. I'd certainly recommend collaboration with the EIT to other entrepreneurs; the network and events are a great way to meet people with shared interests and complementary skills."*

**Kate Hofman, CEO and Co-Founder, GrowUp Urban Farms Ltd and EIT Change Award Winner 2013**

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