

EIT SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The EIT community <u>shares the wider European Union position</u> in condemning in the strongest possible terms Russia's unprecedented military aggression against Ukraine. We deplore the loss of life and human suffering, and stand in <u>solidarity</u> with the people of Ukraine.

That's why we're joining the wider effort to support the Ukrainian people in any way we can whether that's getting them medical assistance, education and skills, or full access to our innovation network.

EIT Health treats Ukrainians whether at the front or among refugees

From the beginning, EIT Health has been sending <u>medical supplies</u> to Ukrainian hospitals. Now, their Health University partners have opened their campuses to those seeking shelter, treatment, jobs, and scholarships.

The EIT Community expanded its activities with Ukrainians in research, business, and education this year

We've modified our existing programs so Ukrainians can keep working on their educational and professional goals despite the war. That includes:

- <u>EIT's HEI Initiative: Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education</u> which provides
 opportunities in education, research, and entrepreneurship across Europe. To date, 12
 HEIs from Ukraine (such as Lviv Polytechnic National University, Kyiv Academic University,
 Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University, etc.) have already joined the Initiative
 and their number is growing.
- Our <u>Girls Go Circular</u> project where 14–19-year-old girls are picking up digital and entrepreneurial skills. Their website is now available in Ukrainian. New modules will be published before the end of 2022.
- <u>EIT Jumpstarter 2023</u>, our top programme for early-stage innovators to develop their businesses, will have its own special new category called Rebuild Ukraine. Every fifth application to the programme overall has come from Ukraine. And in 2022 already, a special <u>pre-Jumpstarter edition by EIT Manufacturing</u> helped 16 Ukrainian teams turn their discoveries into business models.

Ukrainians can count on us to help them get the skills and support they need to get their ideas off the ground.

We're getting ready to connect post-war Ukrainian business to Europe



Between 2023 and 2025, our communities will be ready to spread the support we already give Ukrainian refugees to a post-conflict Ukraine. That includes our education, training, and start-up support programs. The goal will be a Ukraine with access to European opportunities and value chains.

We've already launched the EIT Community National Secretary in Ukraine to begin providing tailor-made trainings to entrepreneurs and support for at least 30 <u>deep tech</u> start-ups.

We're improving the life of locals in the big cities

EIT Urban Mobility in collaboration with its partners has launched two projects aimed at enhancing living conditions in big cities such as Kyiv and Lviv.

- The Modular Refugee Settlement Project in Lviv (in collaboration with the Warsaw University of Technology): This project will construct a prototype settlement for the refugee population in Lviv, taking into account everyone's needs and creating communities with proper housing and a liveable environment.
- Podilsky Courtyard (in collaboration with the NGO Podolianochka): This project is located in Kyiv in Podil. It holds public participation events within a framework of space development. This is implemented by locals in collaboration with authorities.

We're supporting Ukrainian women in business

Our <u>Supernovas</u> have always been open to Ukrainian candidates. And our new <u>Red Kalyna</u> initiative specifically recognises outstanding Ukrainian women who have produced innovative products and businesses.