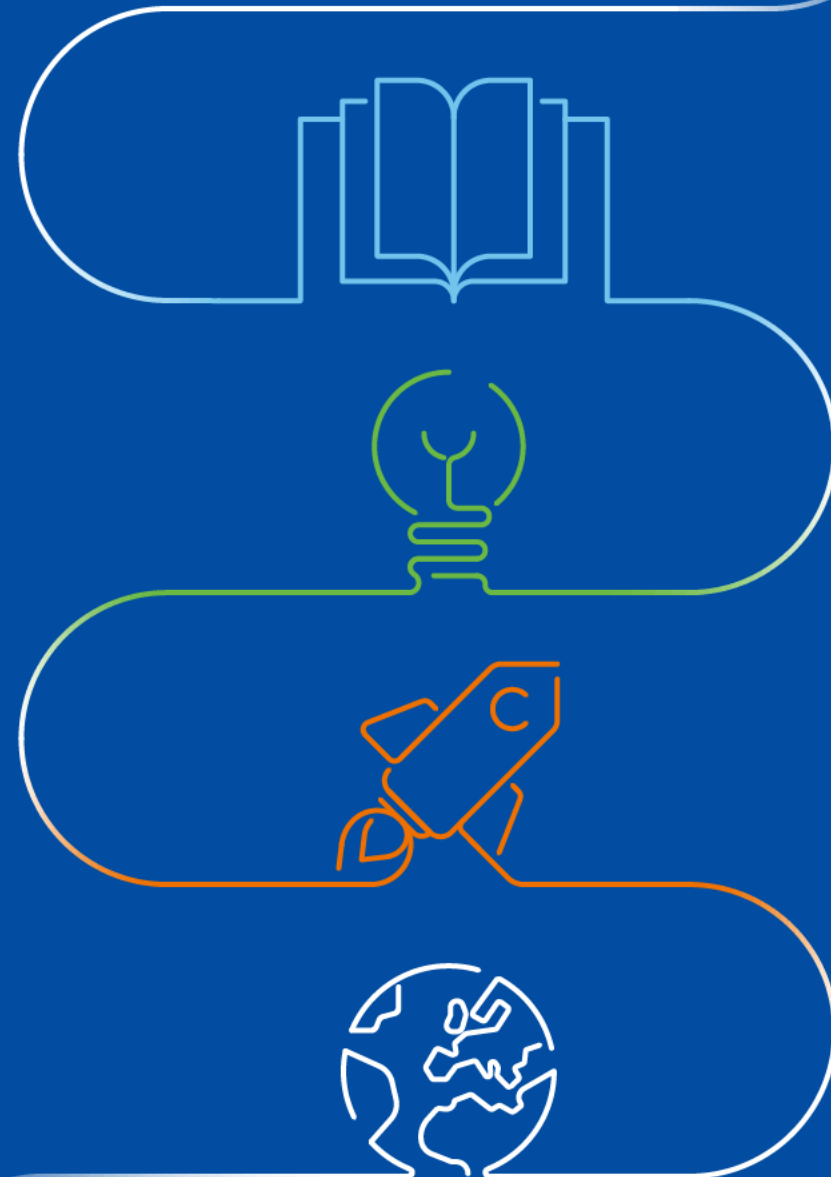


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### METHODOLOGY & GLOSSARY

# INTRODUCTION

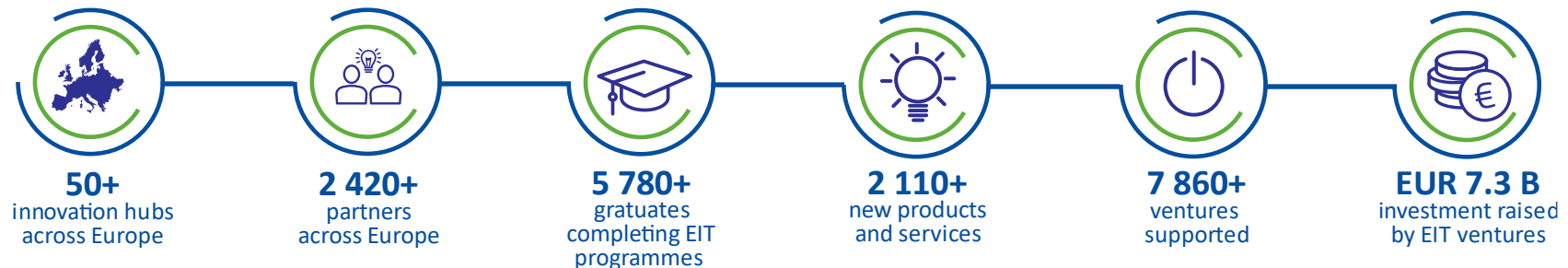
The **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)** is an EU body created to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate. Today, it is Europe's largest innovation ecosystem.

Together with leading partners across Europe, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities from **entrepreneurial education** courses, to **business creation and acceleration** services, to **innovation-driven research projects**. These are the three pillars of the EIT. The EIT Community helps innovators turn their best ideas into cutting-edge products, services, and jobs for Europe.

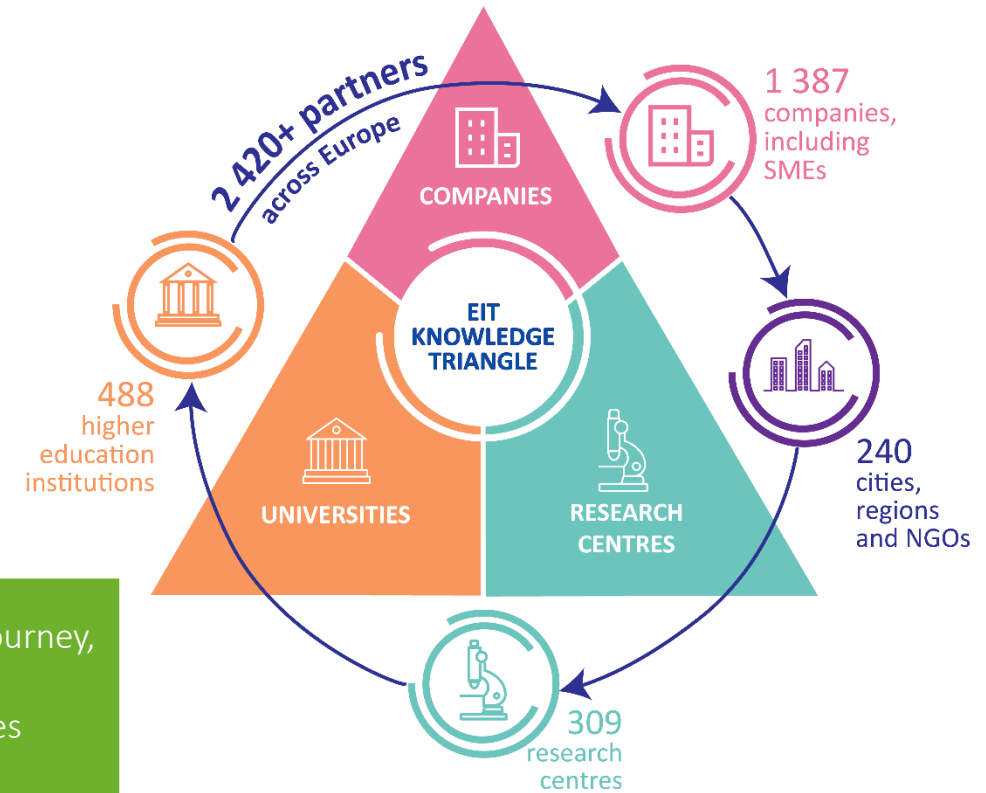
## The EIT

- provides access to a community that powers innovators throughout the entire innovation journey, from education to lab to market
- embraces disruptive innovation and embeds entrepreneurial education in its innovation activities
- is business oriented with a strong focus on financial sustainability
- delivers a pan-European network strongly anchored in local innovation ecosystems

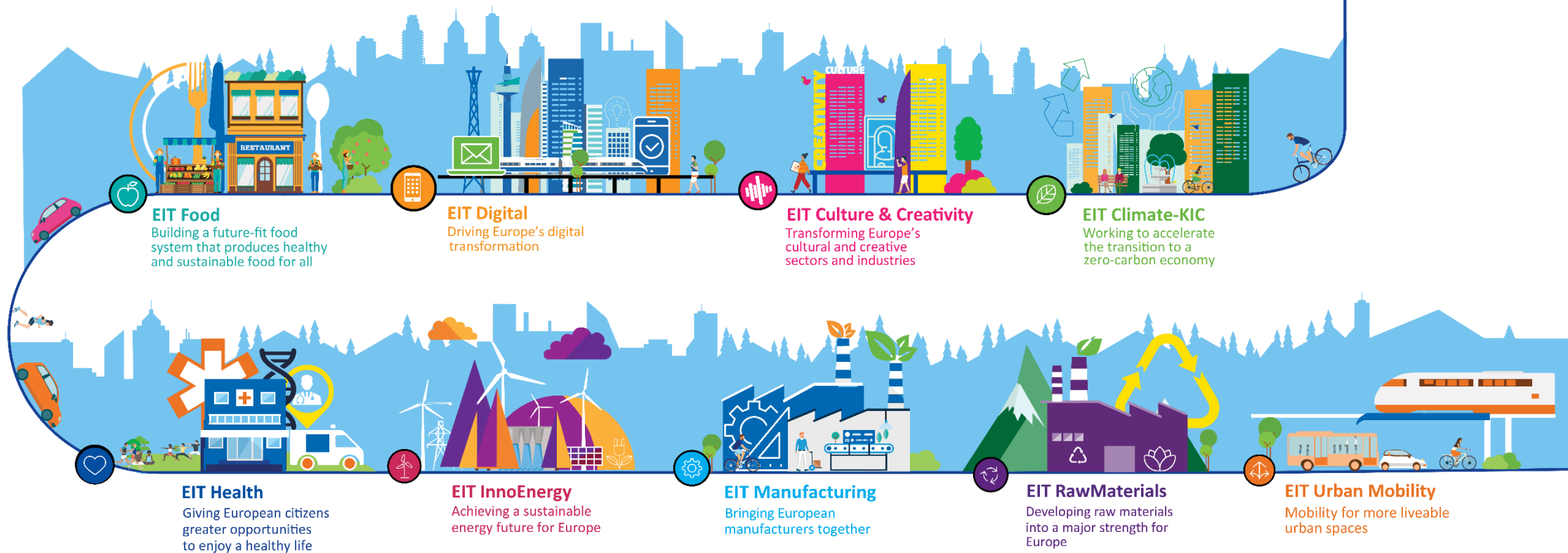
The EIT Country Factsheets provide a closer look at the EIT's presence, investment, activities and tangible results across EU Member States and beyond.



## Europe's largest innovation ecosystem



# EIT KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

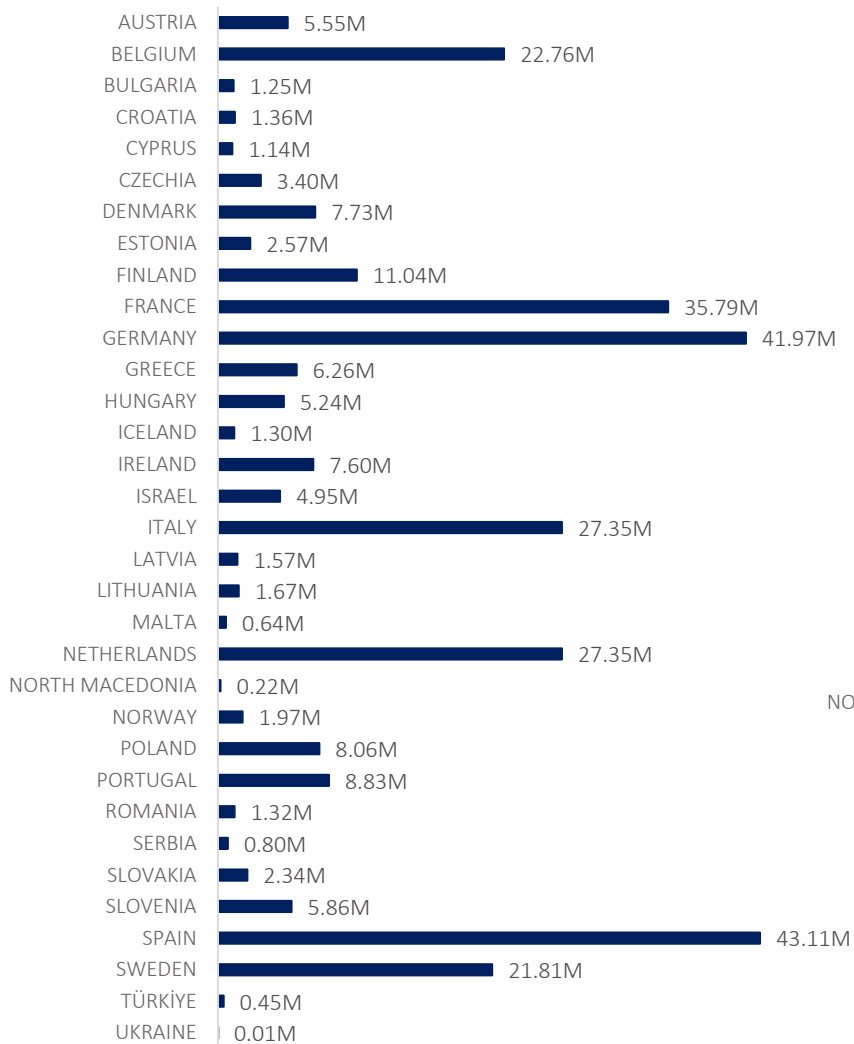


The EIT supports the development of dynamic, long-term thematic partnerships, so-called Knowledge and Innovation Communities. These unique partnerships are formed among companies, research organisations and higher education institutions as well as other key innovation players. They each tackle a specific global challenge.

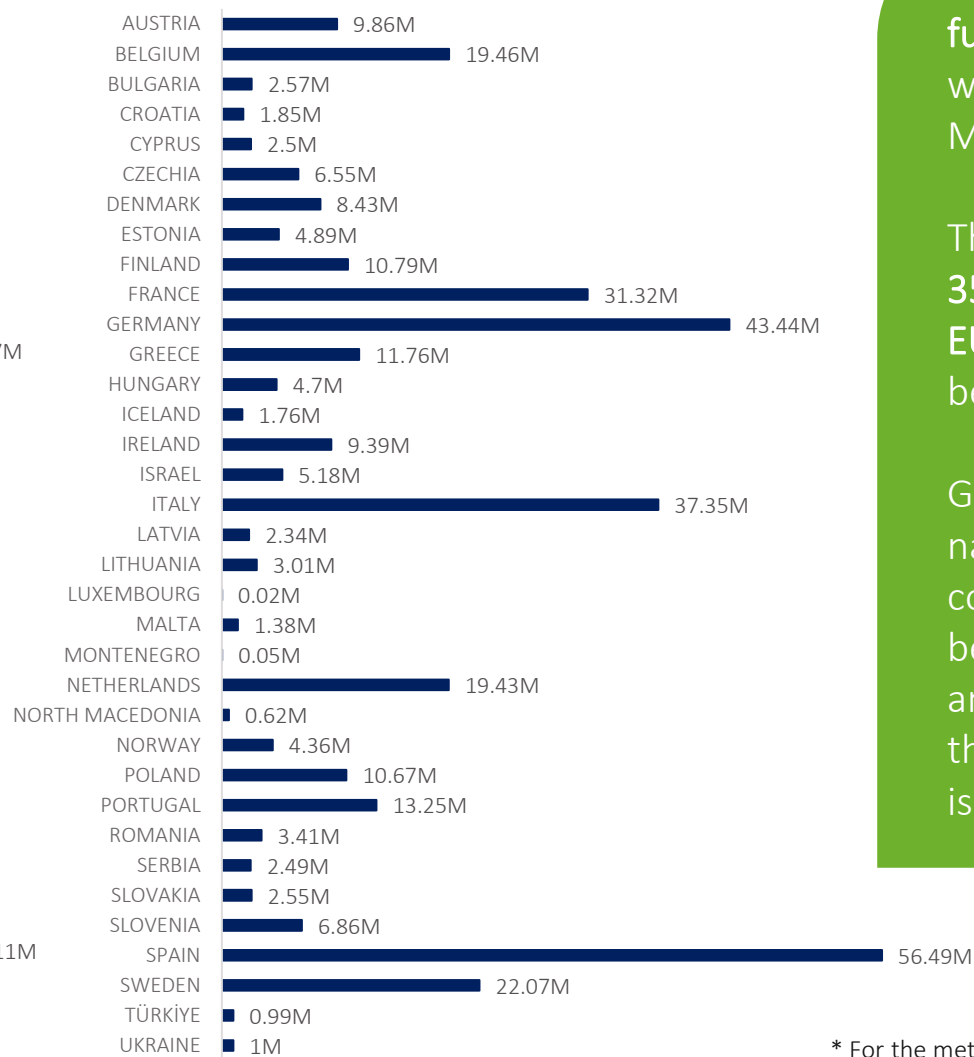


# GLOBAL PICTURE

Total EIT Grant Adjusted per Country  
(EUR, 2021)



Total EIT Grant Adjusted per Country  
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In 2021 and 2022, a total EIT funding of EUR 649.87 million was channeled to the 27 EU Member States.

The EIT has also provided EUR 35.51 million in funding to non-EU countries, both in Europe and beyond.

Given the EIT's pan-European nature, funding allocated in one country may be distributed to benefit students, entrepreneurs and innovators across the EU. In this global picture, the EIT grant is thus adjusted.



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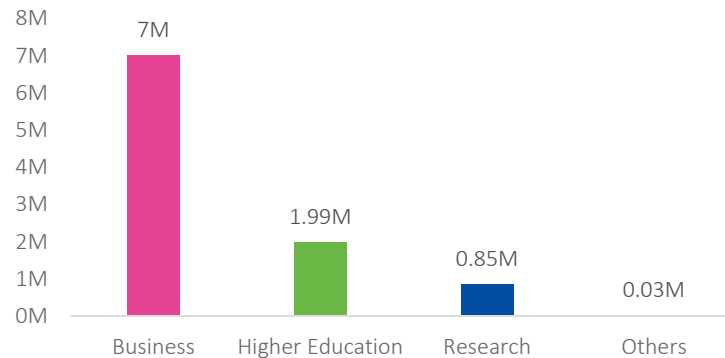
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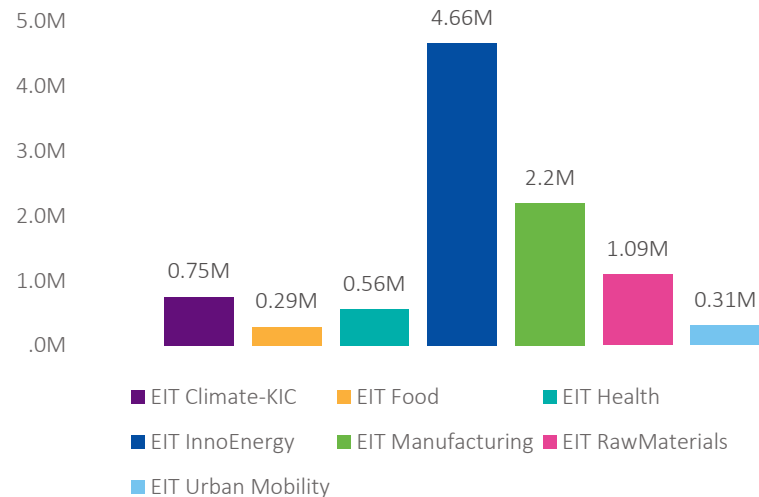
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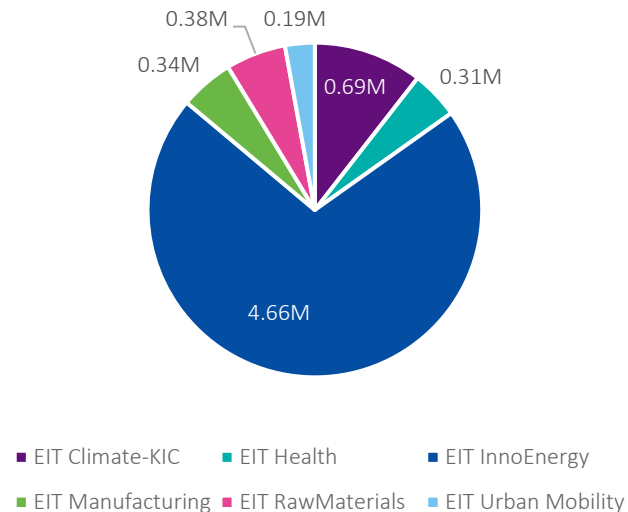


Austria received a total of **EUR 9.86 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 4.31 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Austrian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022 (8 KICs were funded in 2021). The largest share (EUR 7 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 6.57 million to support Austrian SMEs, mainly under EIT InnoEnergy.

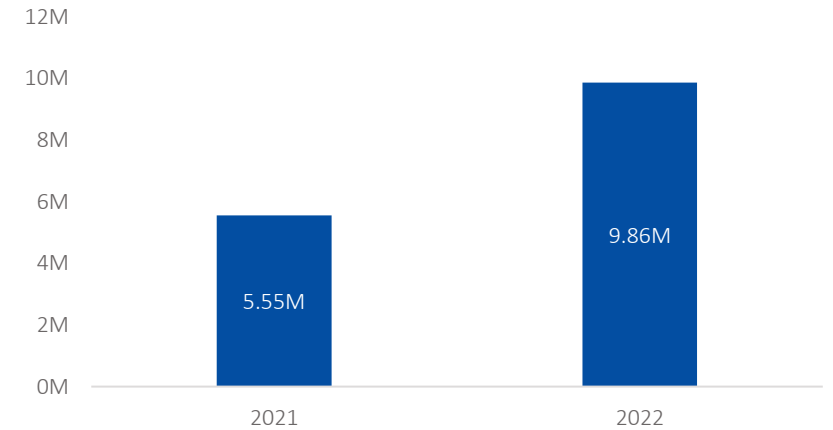
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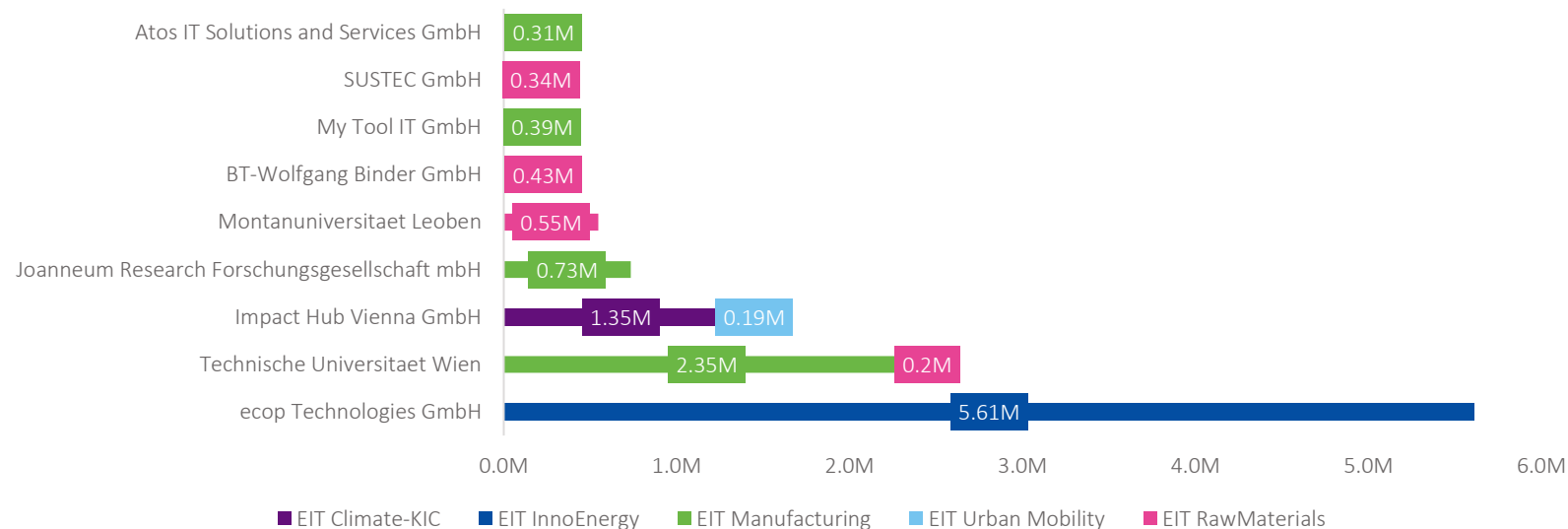
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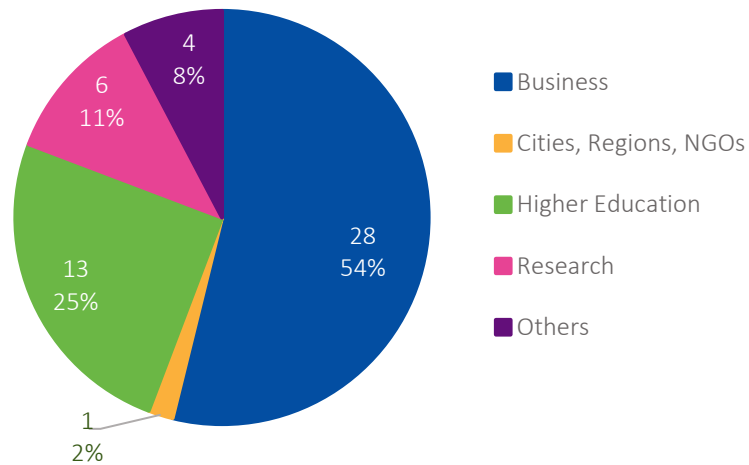
- 64 Austrian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 12 Austrian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 77 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Austria.
- 11 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 6 Austrian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 6 Austrian graduates, 4 are men and 2 are women.
- 700+ participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



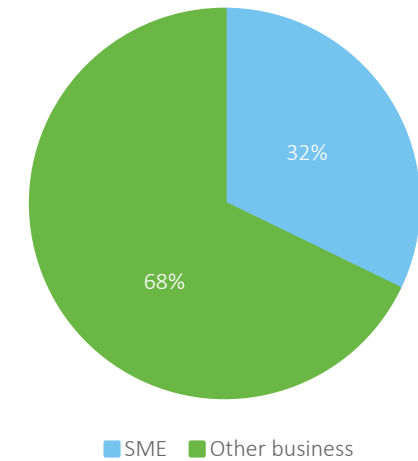
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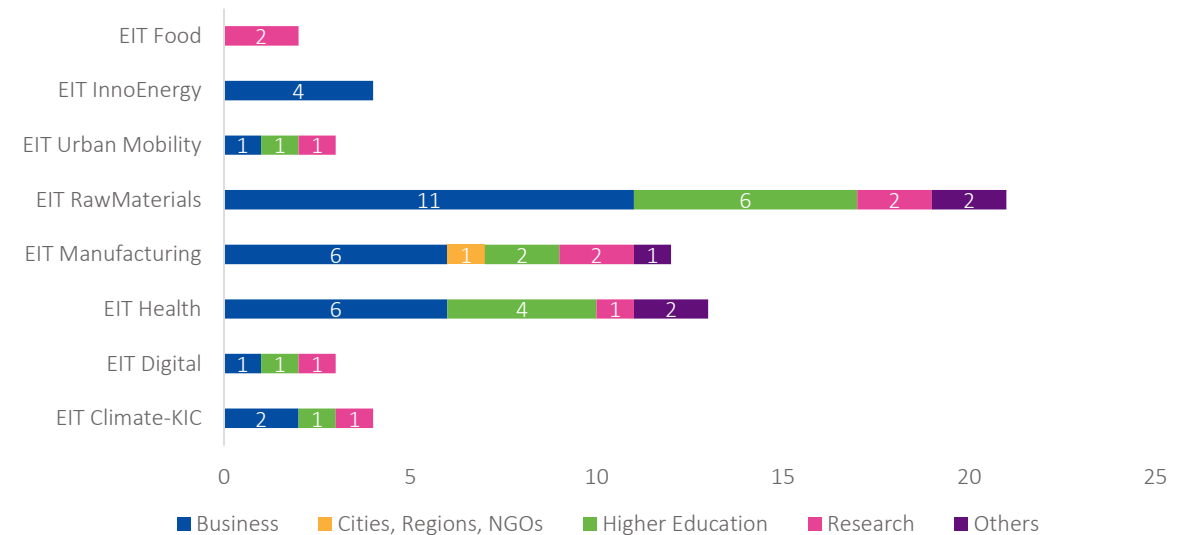


52 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Austria participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Over 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food

## Upcycling Food Waste

**Kern Tec** is an Austrian company, upcycling currently wasted pits of apricots, cherries and plums to innovative products like food and cosmetic oils, protein powders, nut spreads and even dairy alternatives.

The company is now a member of “RisingFoodStars”, EIT Food's network for game-changing, early stage agrifood start-ups. EIT Food also provided Kern Tec with EUR 4 000 to cover travel expenses and scale-up coaching, in addition to ongoing mentorship and training. With the help of the EIT KIC, Kern Tec could

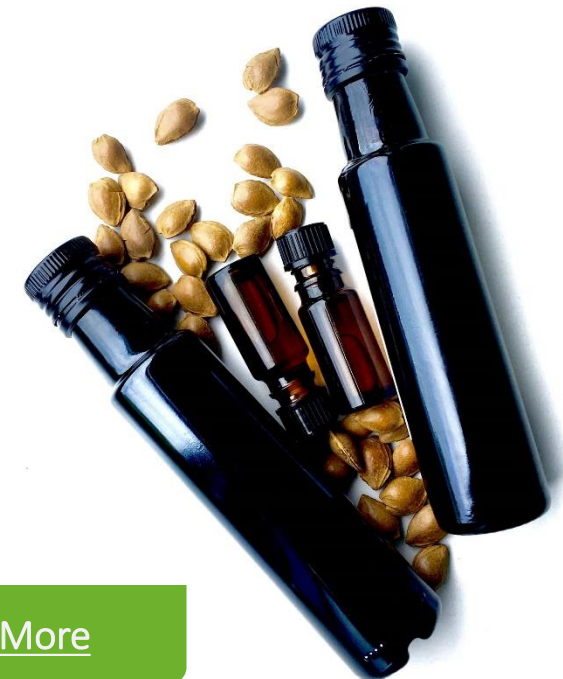


showcase its solution at Future FoodTech London in September 2022 and at the EIT Food Venture Summit in Lisbon. These events allowed the company to successfully network with both investors and corporates in the Food & Agriculture ecosystem.

Thanks to EIT Food's guidance, Kern Tec participated in the Fi Europe in Paris in December 2022, where they won the Most Innovative Food Ingredient Award and pitched in front of leading investors and companies.

“I was blown away by the number of corporate partners that EIT Food has in its network that we can connect to. The events organised and sponsored by EIT Food are also great platforms to connect with the investor community when you are fundraising.”

Sebastian Jeschko, Co-Founder of  
Kern Tec



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

**materialnomaden** is a Viennese start-up on a mission to rescue former building materials from landfills and redirect them to upcycling projects. To facilitate the match-making process between dismantled building materials and stakeholders, materialnomaden is developing rosinA, a digital tool to collect information about the materials at the source and store them in a database called “re:store”.



In 2022, materialnomaden joined EIT Climate-KIC’s Clean Cities ClimAccelerator programme. The activities of the accelerator were essential to help the start-up refine its business model, in particular for the software rosinA.

The regular workshops offered by the programme provided materialnomaden with the external framework it needed to bring continuity and focus into its business development.

The exchange between peers from the programme helped the materialnomaden’s team gain some perspective on their own approach to their objectives and mission.

The participation in the EIT Climate-KIC accelerator opened doors to valuable networking opportunities for materialnomaden, especially during events such as the South Summit in Madrid and other events in Vienna.

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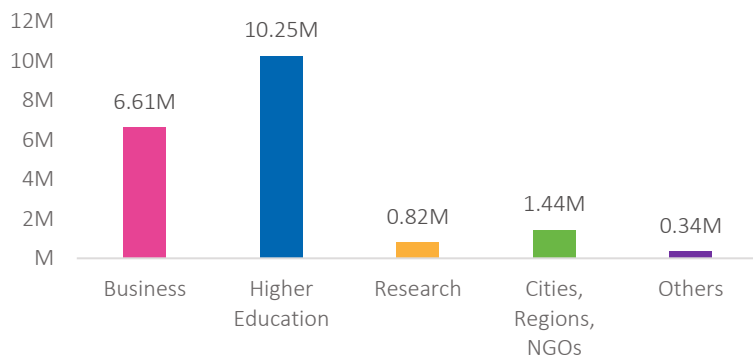
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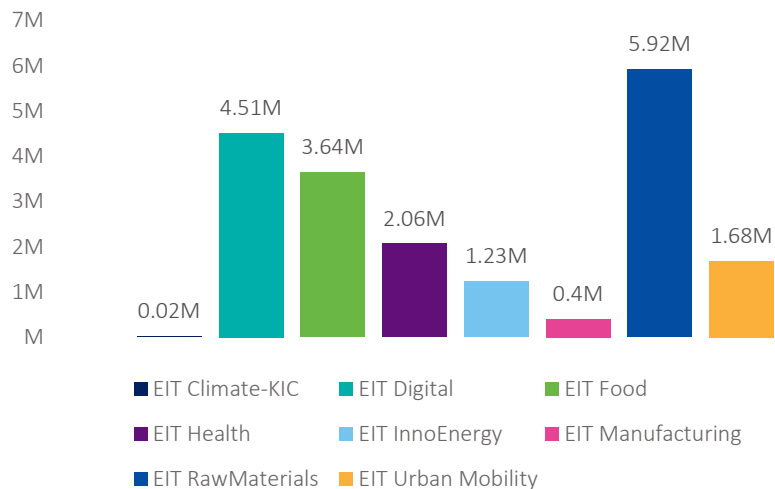
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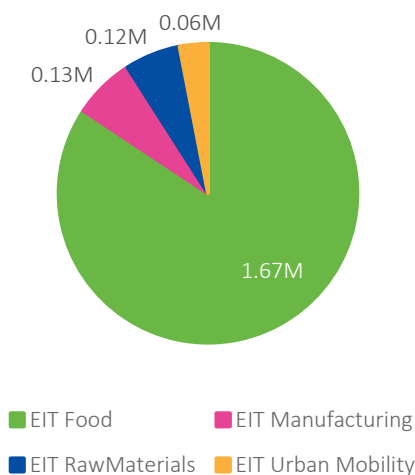


Belgium received a total of **EUR 19.46 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* It was directed to Belgian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 10.25 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 1.98 million to support Belgian SMEs, mainly under EIT Food.

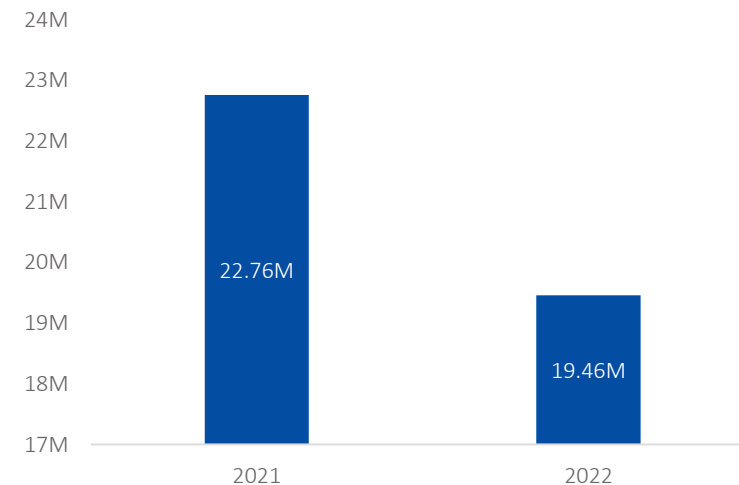
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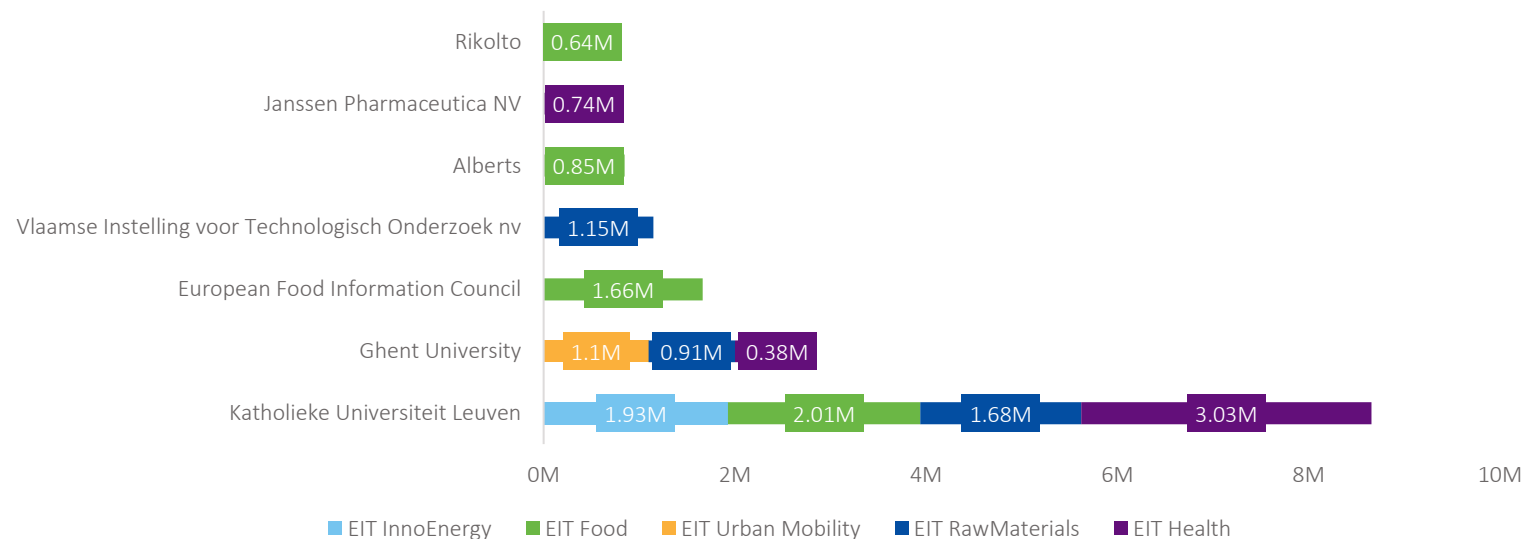
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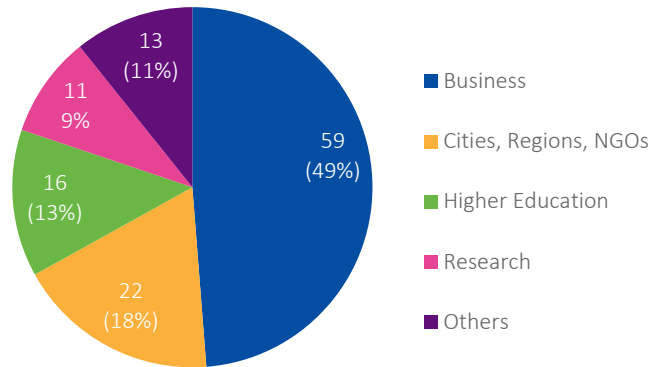
- 72 Belgian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 15 women entrepreneurs from Belgium received support from the EIT.
- 20 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- EUR 26.38 million of investment attracted by the start-ups supported by EIT KICs.
- 33 Belgian residents graduated from EIT Label Master programmes.
- Out of the 33 Belgian graduates, 27 are male and 6 are female.
- About 1,700 Belgian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



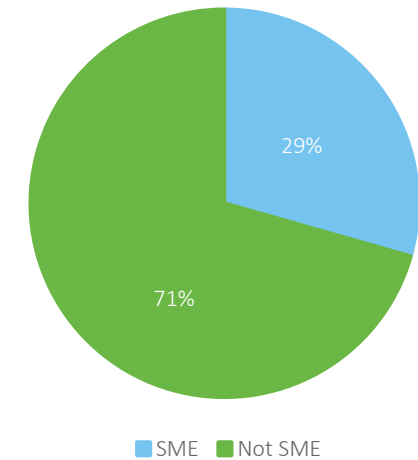
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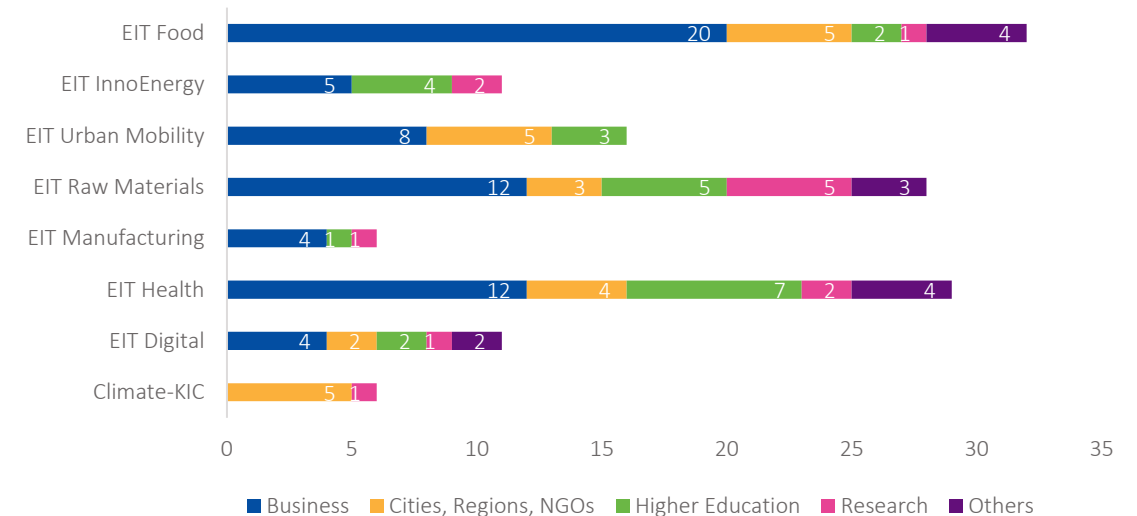


121 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Belgium participate in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Almost 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

From prototype to scale-up

**Ergotrics** is a Belgian health tech scale-up with a unique solution for lifting and positioning patients before surgery. The IPS (Inflatable Prone Support) is the world's first inflatable, disposable positioning device for surgery in prone position, now available in 15 countries.

EIT Health has supported the Ergotrics team throughout their journey. In 2017, the team participated in EIT Health's Launchlab. As a result, the start-up was able to quantify its product's benefits and validate its solution's market fit.



In 2018, EIT Health helped commercialise the product by providing a 50 000 EUR grant for IP and trademark protection through the EIT Health Headstart Programme.

EIT Health has also played a significant role in the internationalisation of the start-up. In 2020, Ergotrics could gain insights into the US market and acquire new skills by participating in the EIT Health Bridgehead Programme, allowing the team to launch their product in the US.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food

Fytek is an award-winning agri-tech start-up developing next-generation bio-crop inputs (bio-stimulants, bio-herbicides and bio-fungicides). These low-cost, effective products are environmentally sustainable: they improve soil fertility and plant resistance to climate change with the potential to replace traditional agri-chem crop inputs.

In 2021, Fytek was selected to join EIT Food's RisingFoodStars Association. As a member of this network, Fytek received training, mentorship and business services to create corporate partnerships and attract investment. The membership has also included financial support to attend key agrifood events such as F&A Next.



In 2022, the start-up received a major investment from EIT Food. Through its Startup Impact Fund, EIT Food provided direct funding of 500 000 EUR, allowing Flyteko to scale its operations.

*"Fytek is honoured to receive the support of EIT Food, an organisation that shares our values and ambitions in moving towards more sustainable agriculture. As an EIT Food community member, we are very much looking forward to receiving support in scaling our operations, connecting with industry partners or further investment opportunities."*

**Benedicte O'Sullivan,**  
COO of Fytek

EIT financial support	EUR 500 000
Number of employees	14

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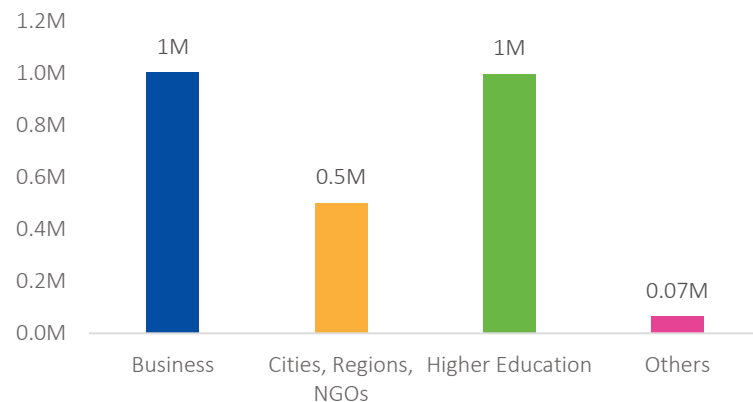
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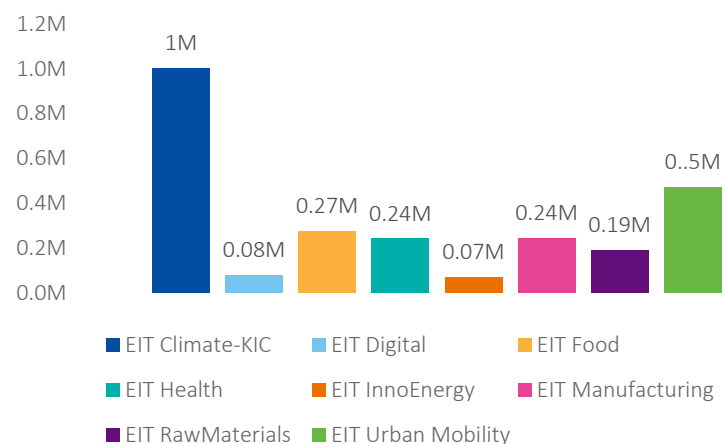
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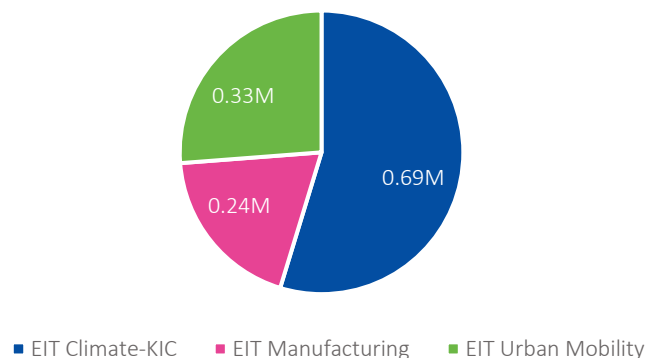


Bulgaria received a total of **EUR 2.57 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1.32 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Bulgarian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022 (6 KICs were funded in 2021). The largest share (EUR 1 million each) was dedicated to higher education and business related activities. The funding included EUR 1.27 million to support Bulgarian SMEs, with EIT Climate-KIC as the largest contributor.

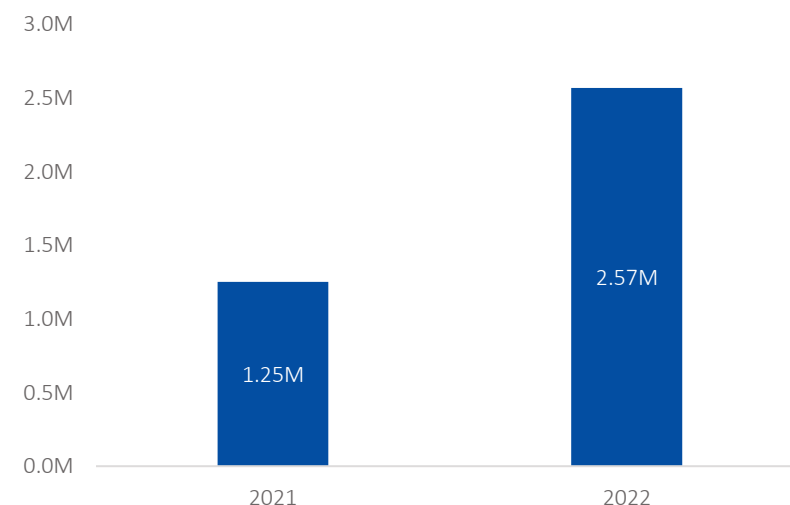
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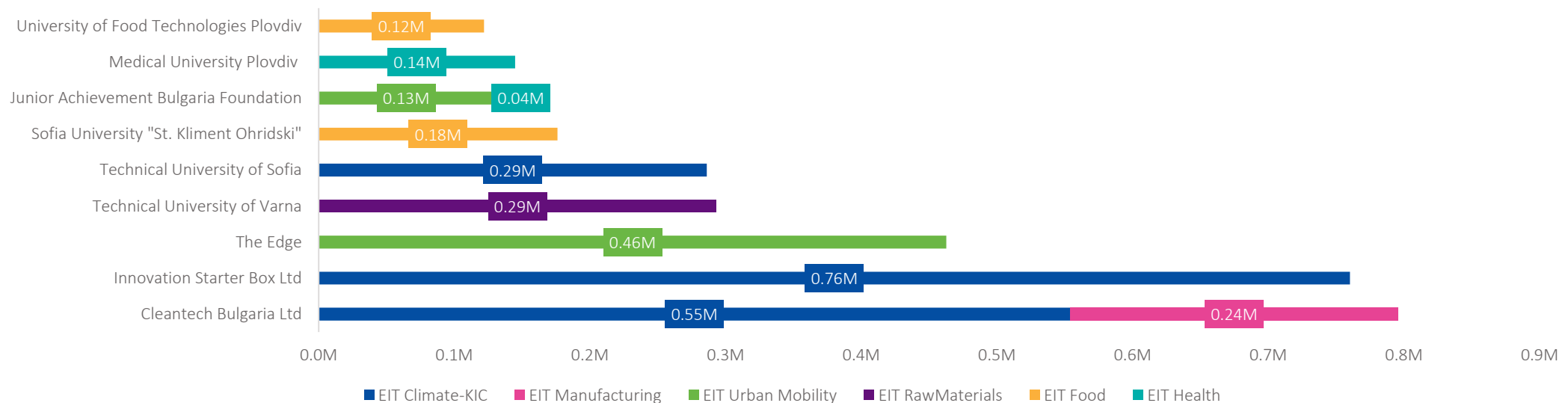
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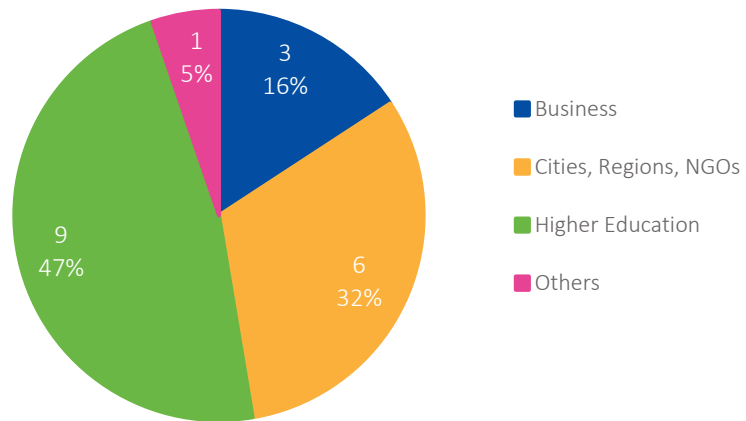
- 125 Bulgarian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 46 Bulgarian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 0.39 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Bulgaria.
- 17 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 2500+ Bulgarian residents participated in non-labelled EIT education and training programmes.

Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



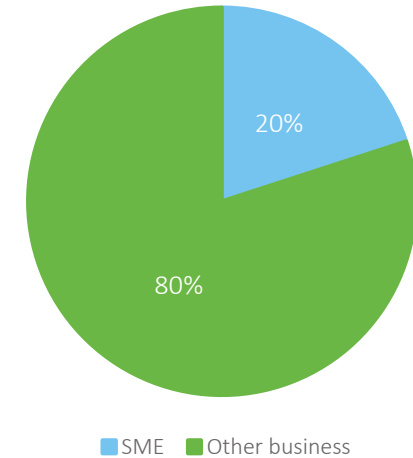
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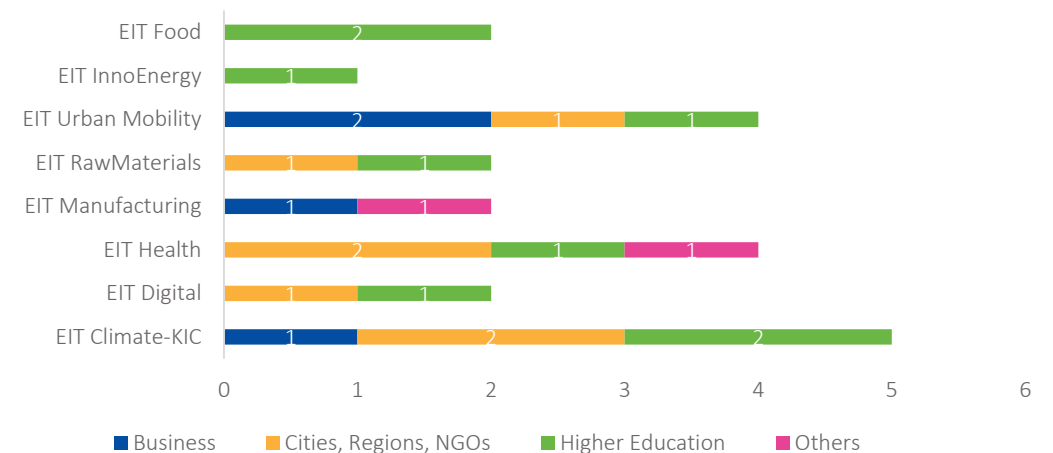


19 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Bulgaria participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being higher education organisations. 20% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)

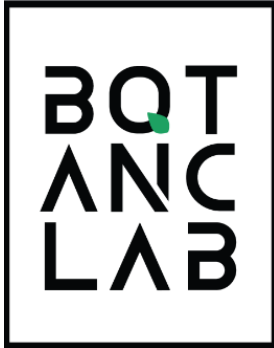


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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Manufacturing

**Botanic Lab**

*Startup-scaleup collaboration for digital and green innovation*

Meet **Botanic Lab**, a start-up redefining interior landscaping by merging digital innovation with sustainable greenery. Its innovative solutions include the Botanic Wall, a vertical indoor plant with automated maintenance for optimised resource efficiency and better micro-climate in indoor spaces.

In 2022, EIT Manufacturing RIS Hub Bulgaria provided Botanic Lab with tailor-made support encompassing legal counsel, intellectual property rights trainings and the fine-tuning of its commercialisation strategies.



Thanks to the matchmaking services offered by the Hub, Botanic Lab joined forces with Predistic Ltd., a scale-up from EIT Manufacturing's partner network, to establish a collaboration that paved the way for the creation of its innovative solution, the Botanic Wall.

The partnership between the two companies, originating from the stakeholder network around the RIS Hub represents an exemplary pathway for how start-ups/scale-ups in the RIS countries can develop with the help of the available EIT-backed matchmaking and support services.

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## FoodObox *An app fighting food waste*

**FoodObox** fights food waste by offering a platform for restaurants to sell their surplus at discounted prices, making quality dining affordable.

In 2021, EIT Climate-KIC's Black Sea ClimAccelerator helped catapult the initial idea to success, offering targeted mentorship, access to an international ecosystem and EUR 5 000 of financial support to develop the business concept.

A year later, as a woman-led start-up, FoodObox was selected to participate in the 2022 Empowering Women in Agrifood programme. The tailor-made training equipped the team with the skills and partnerships necessary to scale the business. Since then, the start-up has increased its user base with 13 000 new app users and 35% more B2B clients (retailers and restaurants).



Powered by EIT Food's continuous support, FoodObox has turned its innovative idea into a growing business ready for international expansion, raising EUR 310 000 in venture capital and successfully launching the app in Romania in 2022.



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### Awards

- Biodiversity awards "Green startup"
- Forbes "30 under 30"
- The Recursive: "Start-up of 2021"

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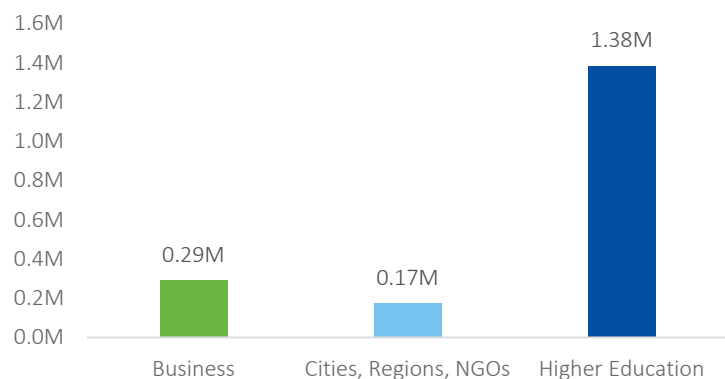
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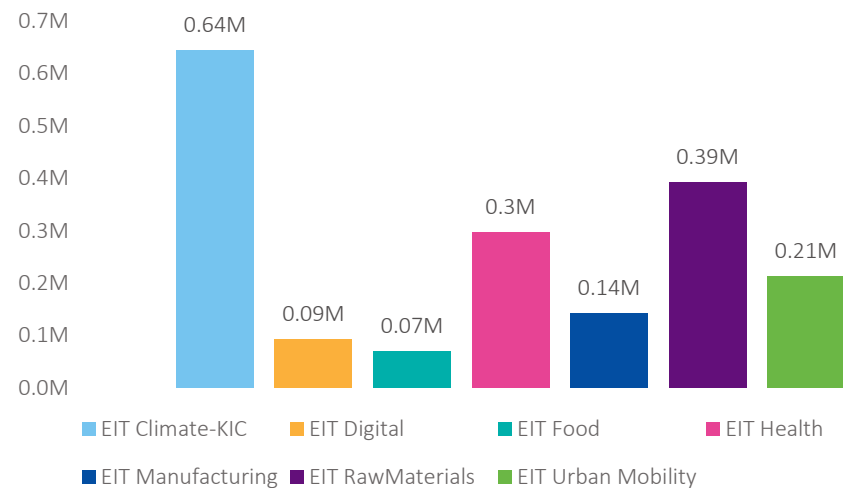
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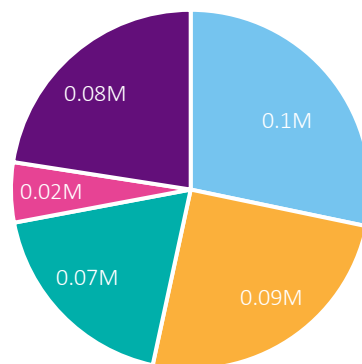


Croatia received a total of **EUR 1.85 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.49 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Croatian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. (5 KICs were funded in 2021). The largest share (EUR 1.38 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.37 million to support Croatian SMEs, with EIT Climate-KIC being the largest contributor.

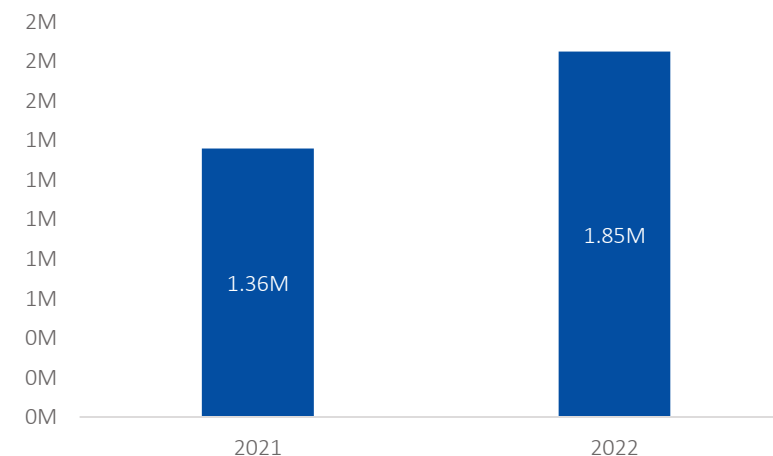
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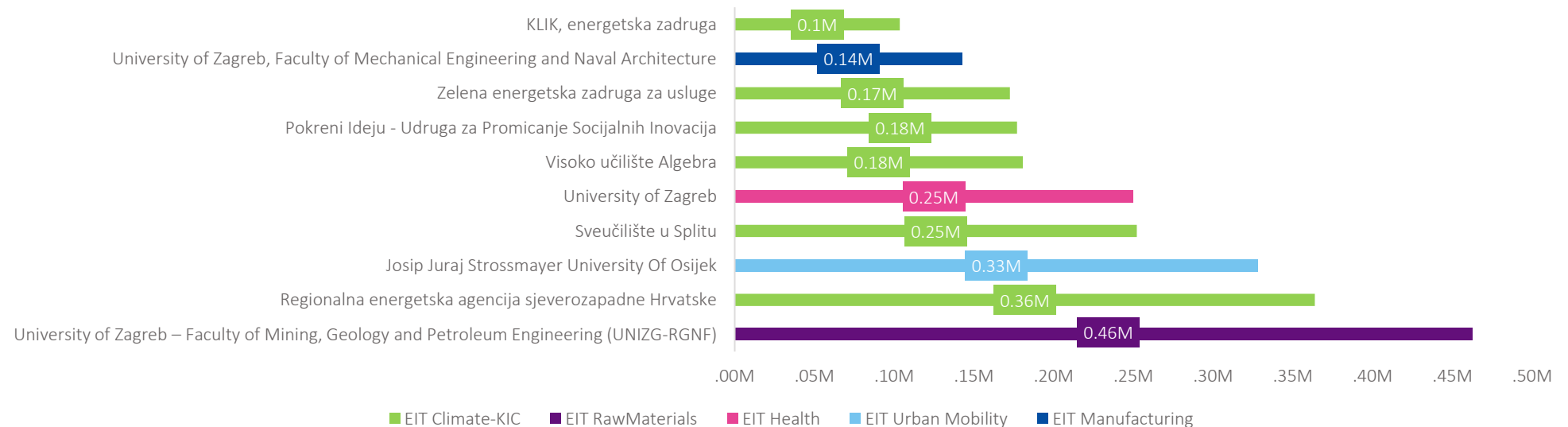
# EIT COMMUNITY IN CROATIA



## In 2021-22:

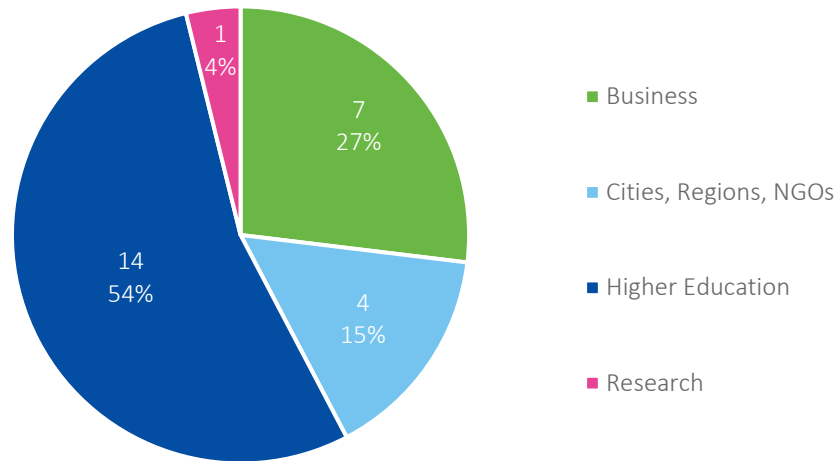
- 62 Croatian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 11 Croatian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 1.85 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Croatia.
- 9 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 1923 Croatian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



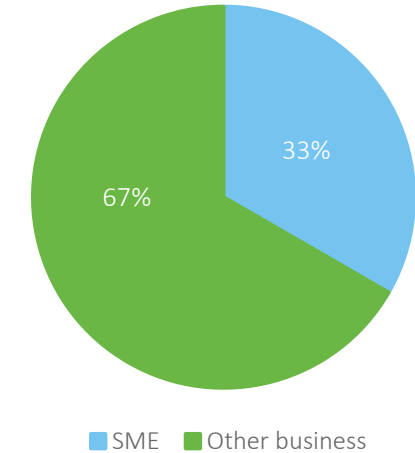
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

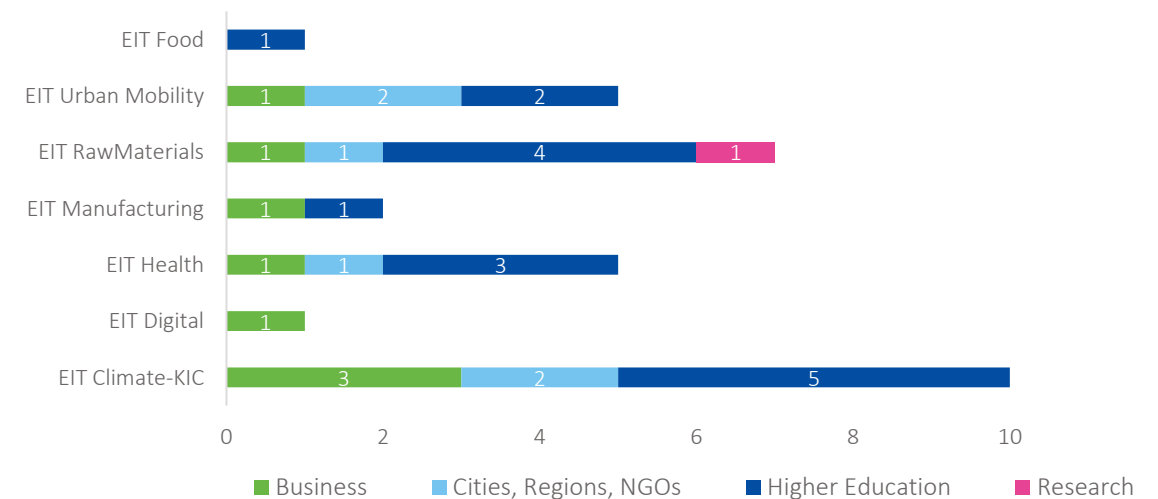


26 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Croatia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being higher education organisations. Over 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

**heat & eat**  
*Granola*

Supported by EIT Food

Heat & eat –  
Powering Research for Green Innovation

**heat & eat** is a Croatian start-up that offers granola products with thermally degradable starch-based packaging. The story of heat & eat exemplifies how EIT grants fund early-stage research that can be turned into innovative products, responding to global challenges.

With the help of the EIT Food RIS Fellowship, the team leader of heat & eat, Veronika Barišić (PhD) could hone the skills needed to develop new solutions for the food industry. But it was not only her talent that garnered the attention of EIT's innovation experts.

In 2022, the entire team's potential was recognized by



the jury of the EIT Food Challenge Labs competition in Croatia, where heat & eat was selected for the main prize of EUR 2000. The start-up went on to secure additional funding thanks to their successful participation in EIT Food's HACK Startup Village 2022, with overall funding by EIT Food amounting to EUR 14,000.

In addition to the invaluable mentoring and the vast network that heat & eat could access through the competitions, the funding by EIT Food also proved pivotal in the financing of laboratory studies in degradable packaging, paving the way for a future of zero-waste breakfast products.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food

NADES Design – Changing the world of solvents

NADES Design is on a mission to change the industrial use of solvents. The company's 100% green bio-solvents, the pioneering Natural Deep Eutectic Solvents (NADES), can fully replace currently used toxic solvents and slash CO2 emissions.

The story of the EIT and NADES started with EIT Food's Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) programme, where one of the female founders had the chance to further strengthen her business acumen and her network. Empowered with enhanced skills and contacts, NADES developed several new ideas.



Thanks to the EUR 10,000 grant and the matchmaking provided by the EWA programme, the company could produce its first 1 500 products and started discussions with key corporate partners, such as Givaudan.

NADES Design is a participant of another EIT programme, the Jumpstarter, through which the team receives support to further strengthen its business concept. With the help of EIT Jumpstarter, the start-up can tap into the entire network of the EIT Community, the largest innovation ecosystem in Europe.

Awards

ACT group & Philip Morris grant

1st place at the Green Hackathon competition organised in cooperation with the British Embassy and Algebra LAB in Zagreb

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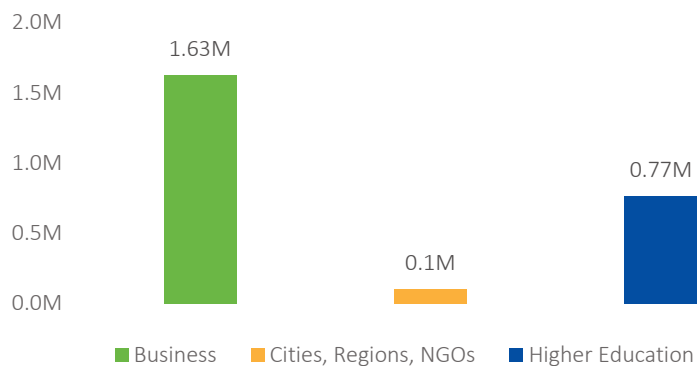
# EIT COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS

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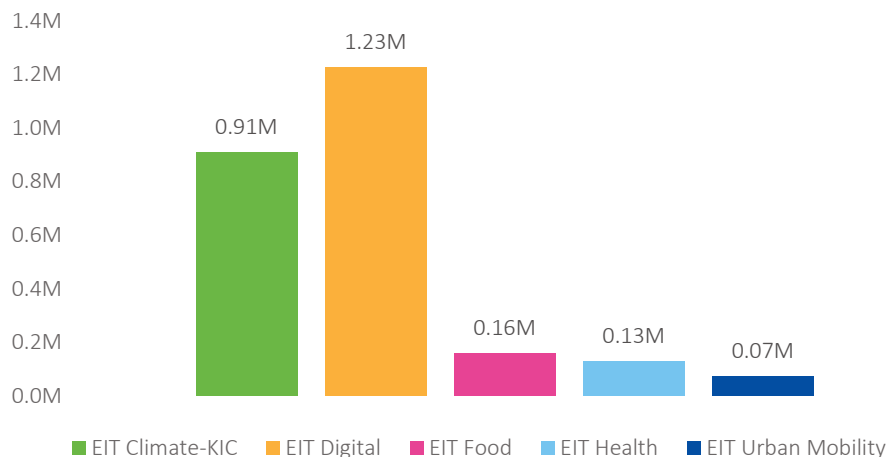
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EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

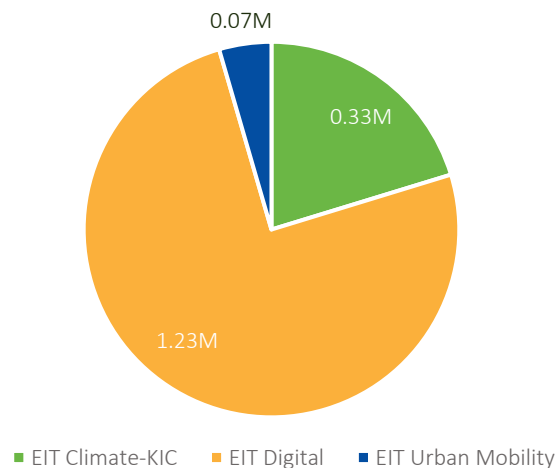


Cyprus received a total of **EUR 2.5 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1.36 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Cypriot organisations via five EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.63 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included about EUR 1.63 million to support Cypriot SMEs, mainly under EIT Digital.

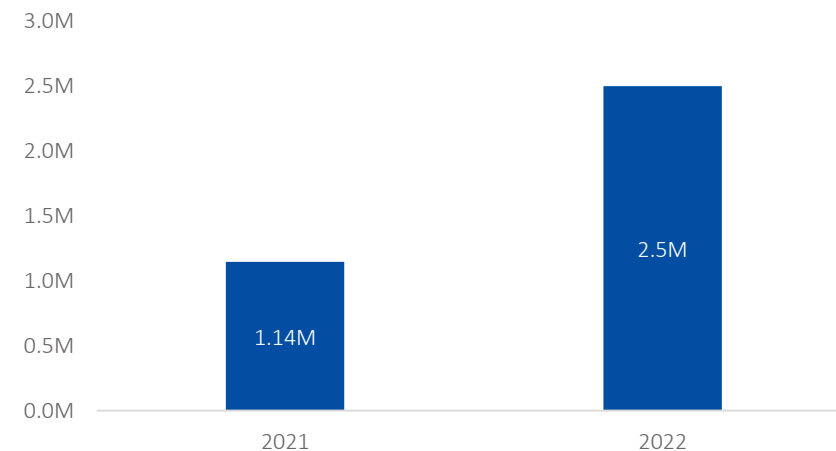
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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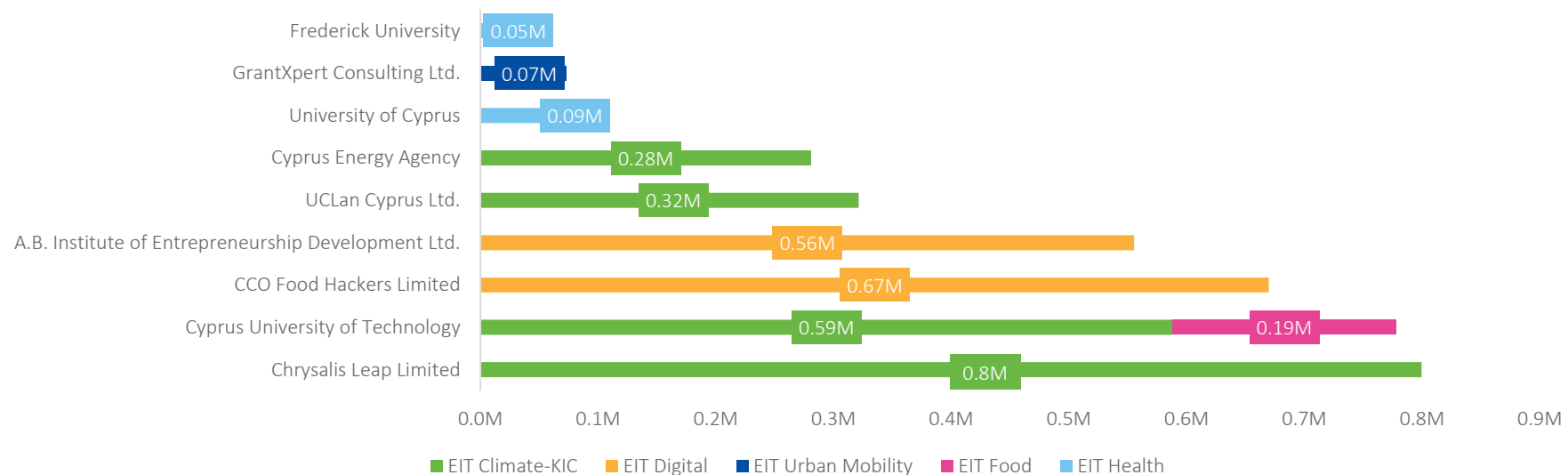
# EIT COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS



In 2021-22:

- 29 Cypriot start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 6 Cypriot women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- 3 Cypriot residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- 2 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- Ca. 450 Cypriot participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

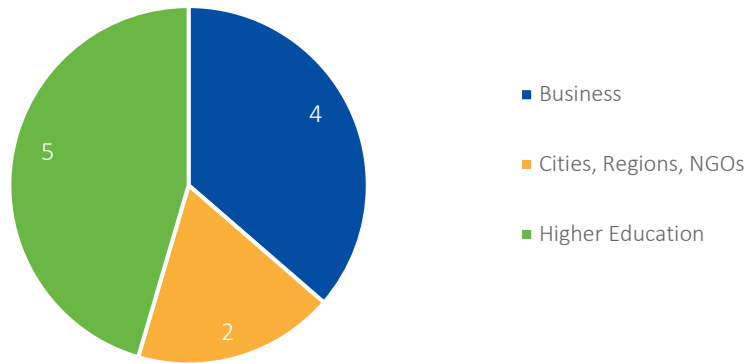
Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)





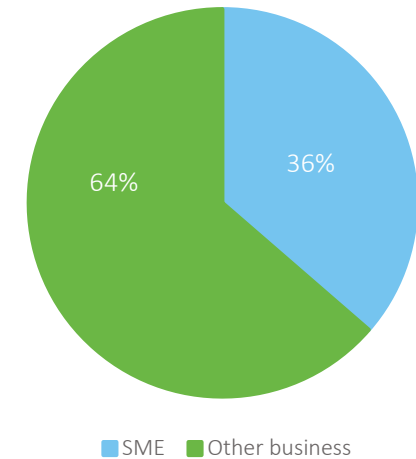
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Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

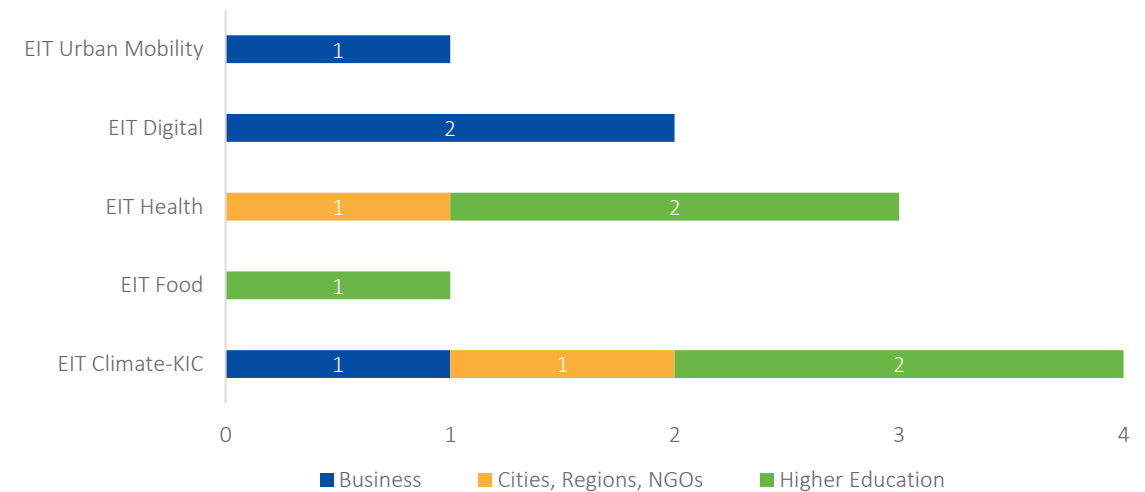


11 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Cyprus participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent three areas of operation, the largest share being higher education organisations. 36% of them are SMEs.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC

The Mighty Kitchen

*Plant-based alternative meat powered by EIT Climate-KIC*

The Mighty Kitchen (TMK) is a food technology company using data modelling and materials chemistry to make delicious plant-based poultry products from pea and wheat protein. The plant-based meat company focuses on the authentic flavours of the Eastern Mediterranean.

Plant-based poultry production significantly reduces the environmental footprint of meat with water, land and CO2 savings of over 90%. It also requires 50% less energy output.



EIT has been a part of TMK's journey from day one. The start-up was the national winner of the 2018 ClimateLaunchpad and participated in all three stages of the EIT Climate-KIC-led start-up support programme, gaining valuable business insights and training opportunities.

In 2021, TMK expanded internationally, and today, the Mighty brand is available at over 500 locations in Cyprus, Greece and the United Kingdom.



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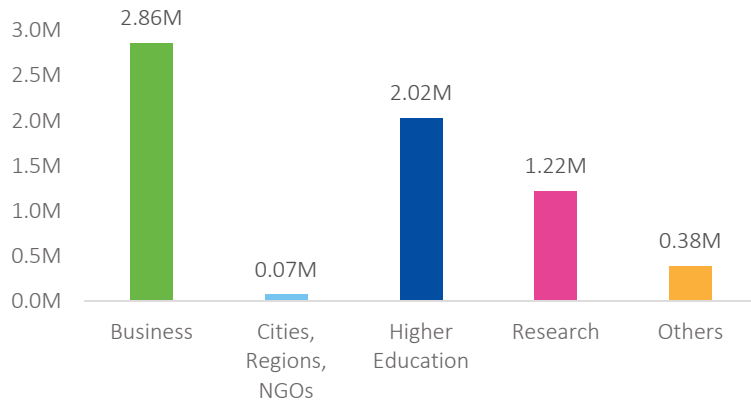
# EIT COMMUNITY IN CZECHIA

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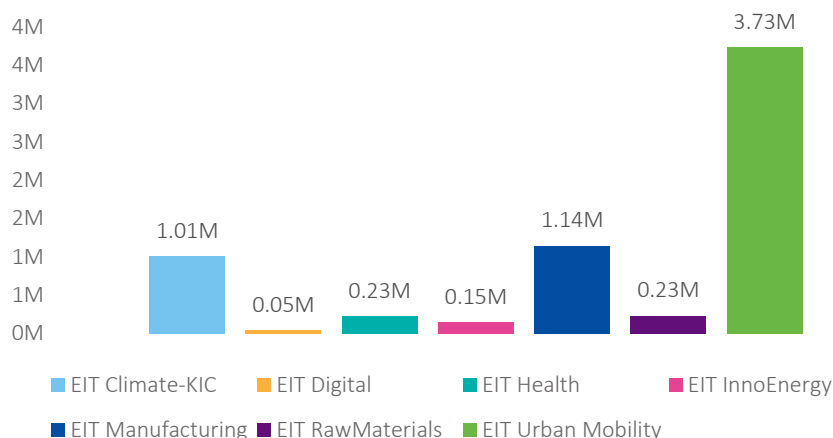
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EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

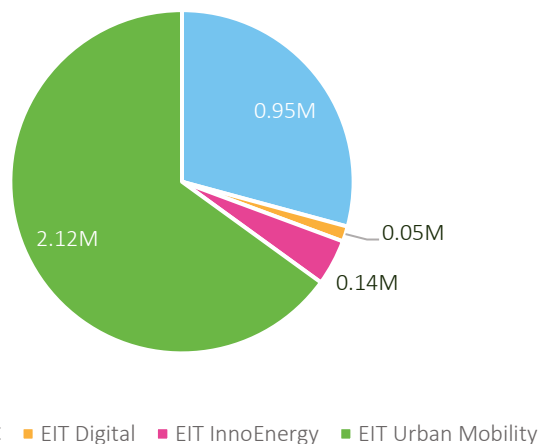


Czechia received a total of **EUR 6.55 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 3.15 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Czech organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 2.86 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 3.26 million to support Czech SMEs, mainly under EIT Urban Mobility.

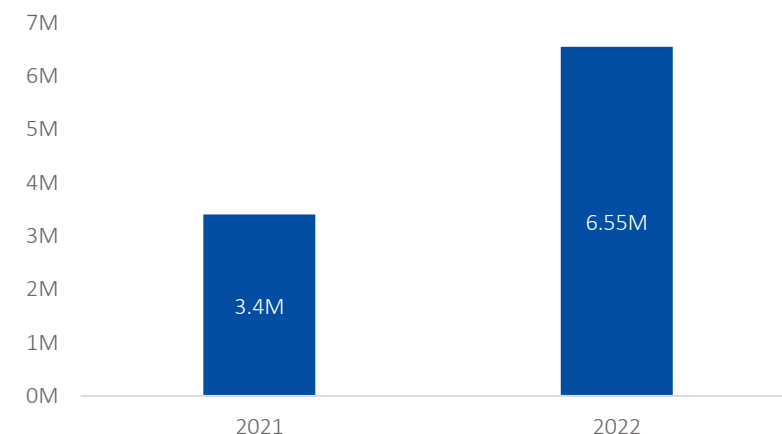
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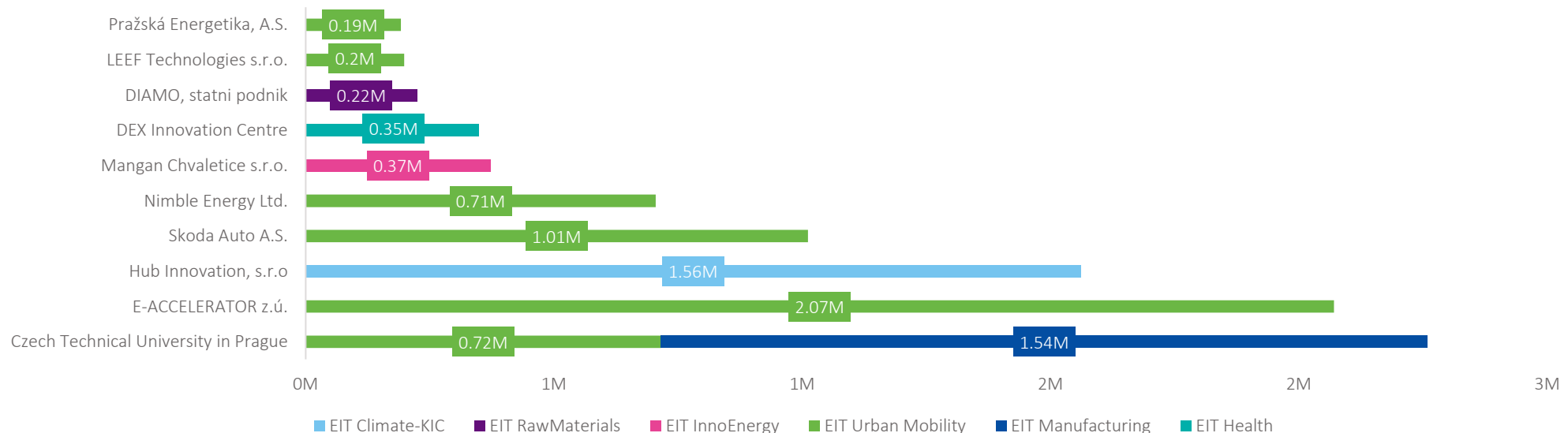
# EIT COMMUNITY IN CZECHIA



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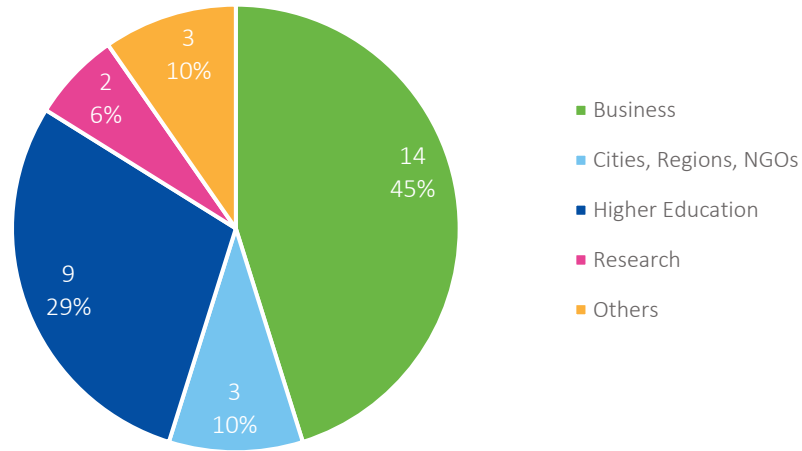
- 125 Czech start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 20 Czech women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 5.17 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Czechia.
- 11 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 4 Czech residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 4 Czech graduates, 3 are men and 1 is women.
- Ca. 1700 Czech participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



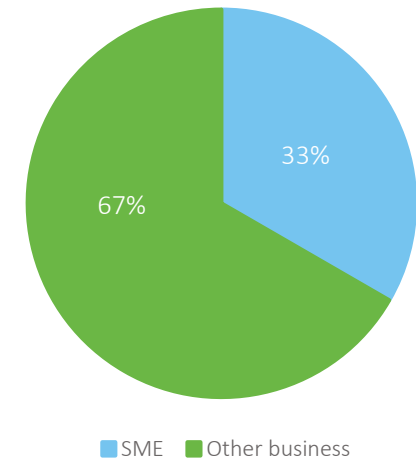
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

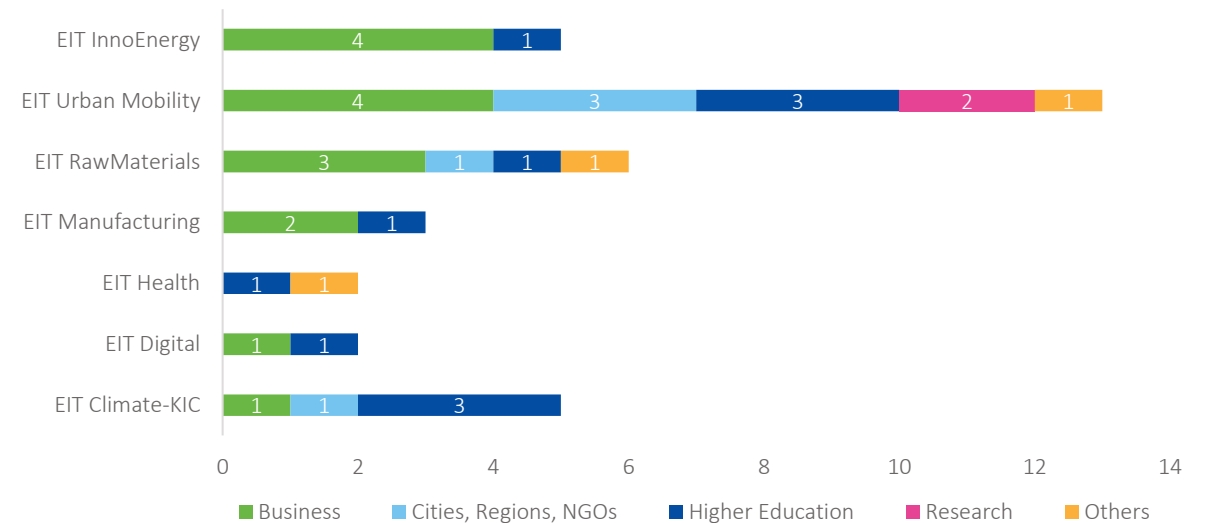


31 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Czechia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Over 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## RETHINK ARCHITECTURE

Supported by EIT Climate-KIC

**Rethink Architecture**  
*Creating a platform for sustainable architecture*

Rethink Architecture is an educational platform training and connecting building professionals to create eco-friendly architecture through company training, lectures and an online database of sustainable solutions.

In 2021, the organisation received a major boost by joining the Beyond ClimAccelerator , co-organised by EIT Climate-KIC and Impact Hub in Prague.

During the first and second stages of the programme, the company secured two grants, amounting to EUR 16,000 of total funding. The combination of one-on-one mentoring and immersive workshops received as part of the programme, allowed the team to tune up its business model and bolstered its network.



“We noticed the online ads of the ClimAccelerator Beyond by Impact Hub Prague. At that time, we were already part of another accelerator, and it was a very difficult decision if we can participate in two programmes at once. But we made it, and it was a great decision. We got both the know-how and the financial resources that allowed us to move on with our business.”

**Karolína Barič**, co-funder of Rethink Architecture



Fuelled by collaborations with EIT Climate-KIC’s network of professionals, Rethink Architecture expanded its operations with two new groundbreaking services tailored for client organisations, including a database of sustainable solutions for construction sites and buildings.

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## WalCycData

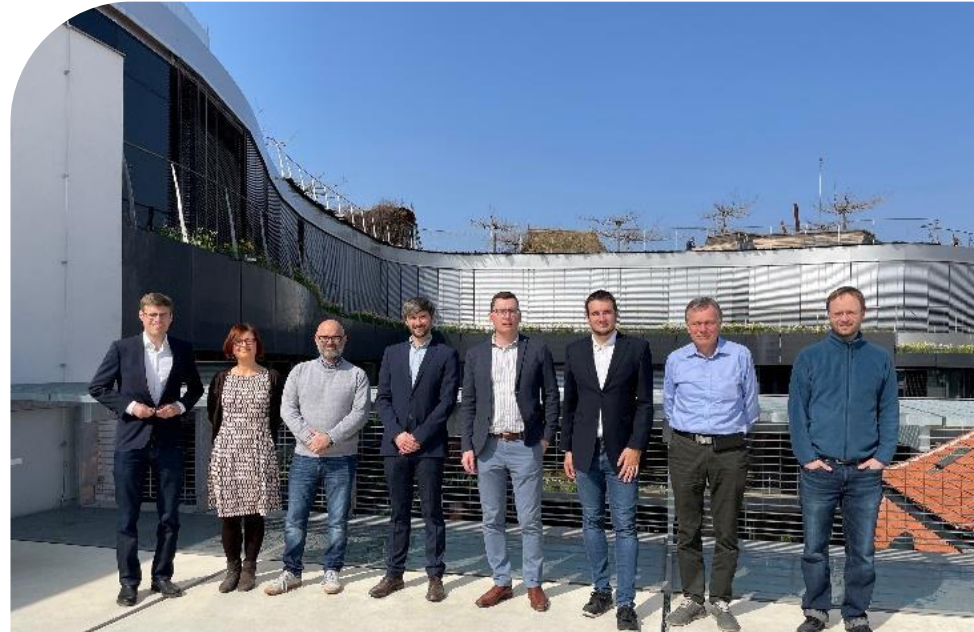
*Making cities safer for vulnerable road users*

WalCycData is an international project that aims to increase the safety of vulnerable road users, namely cyclists and pedestrians, by integrating and analysing bicycle and pedestrian data.

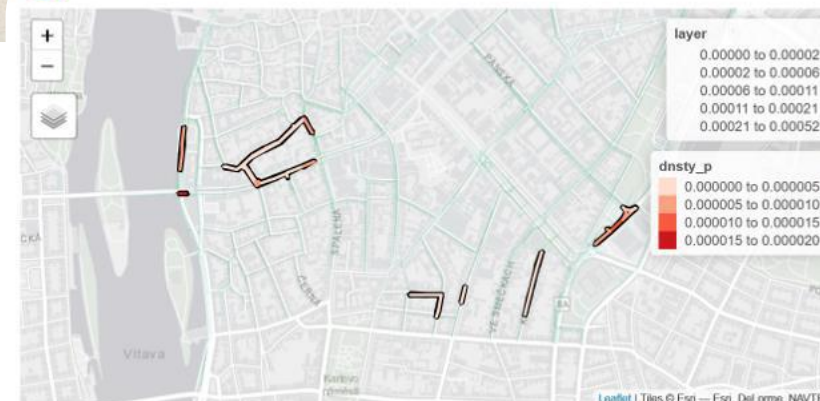
Empowered by EIT Urban Mobility's unwavering support since 2021, WalCycData has benefited greatly from the EIT's vast innovation network, which helped bring together a powerful circle of consortium partners, including Skoda, the Fraunhofer Institute and the municipality of Munich.

In addition to the network access, WalCycData received substantial financial support of EUR 523,274 from EIT Urban Mobility that propelled the critical stages of the product development forward, with the first pilot testing in Munich and Ostrava, as well as the commercialisation strategy being the main milestones.

Consequently, the project succeeded in securing its first commercial order from the city of Prague in October 2022. The team is now busy engaging with additional prospective clients, ready to expand their reach and impact further.



## nexoo Incident Dashboard



## WalCycData

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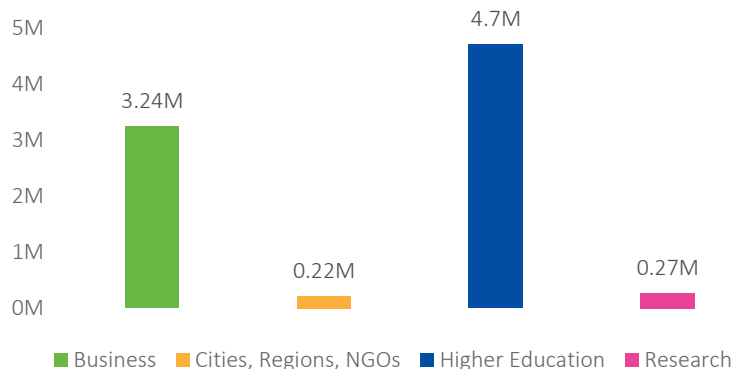
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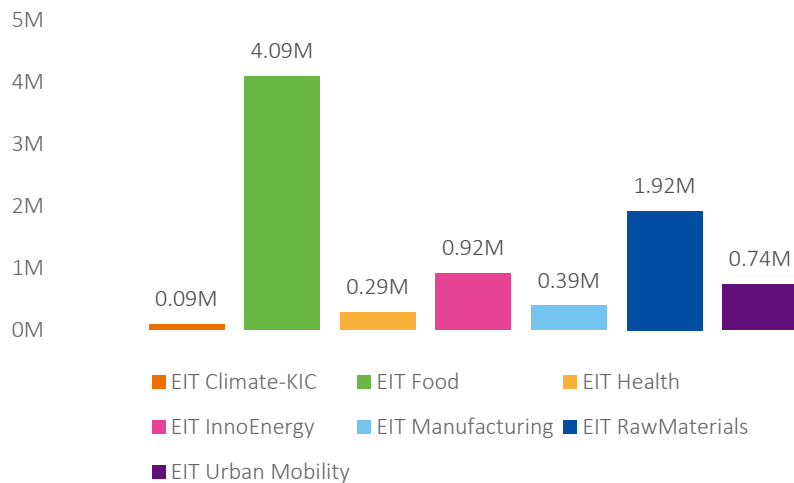
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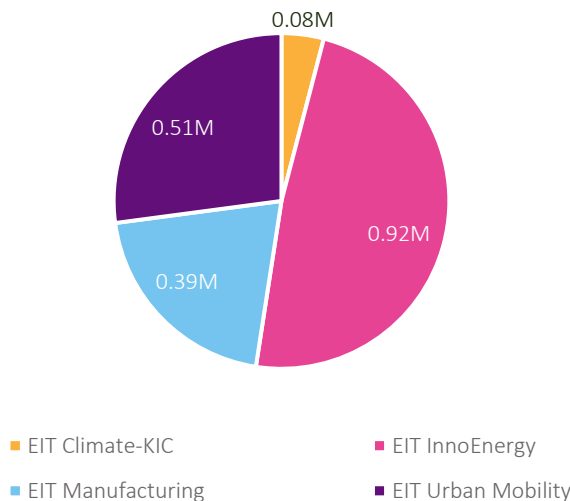


Denmark received a total of **EUR 8.43 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.7 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Danish organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 4.7 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included about EUR 1.9 million to support Danish SMEs, mainly under EIT InnoEnergy.

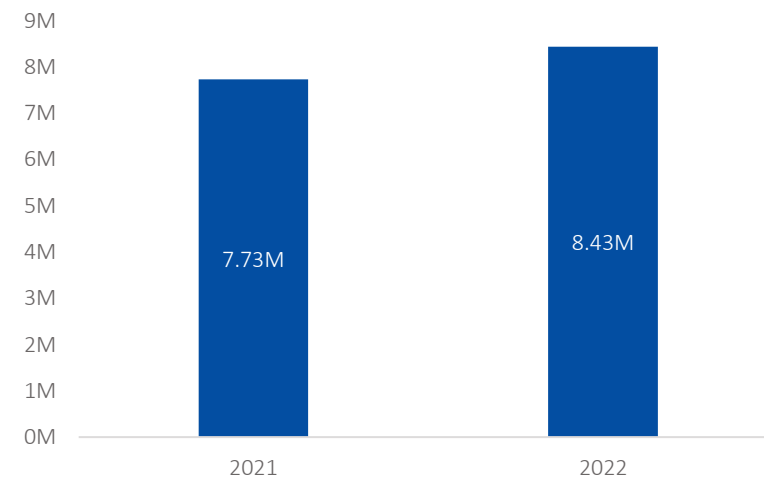
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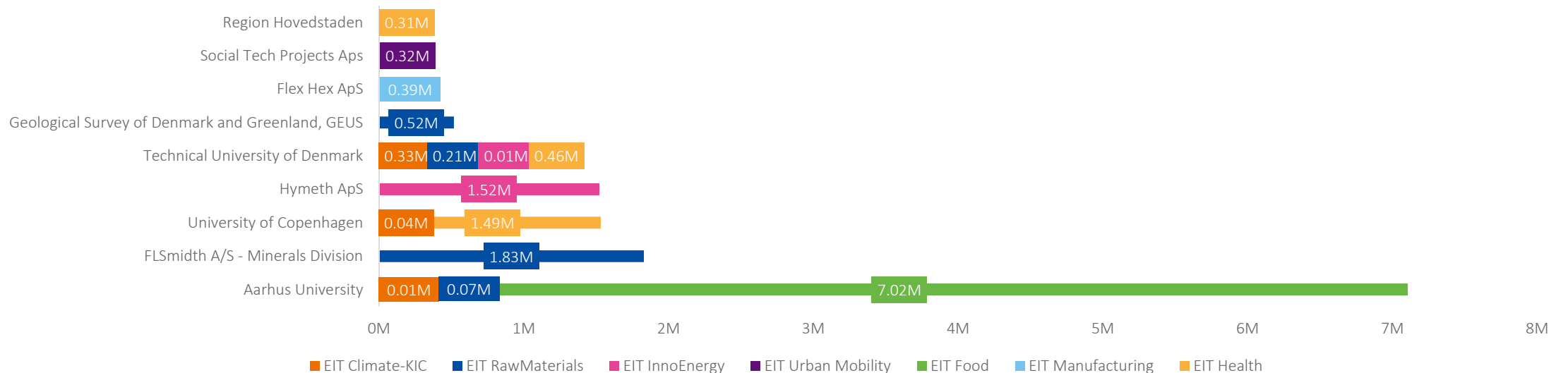
# EIT COMMUNITY IN DENMARK



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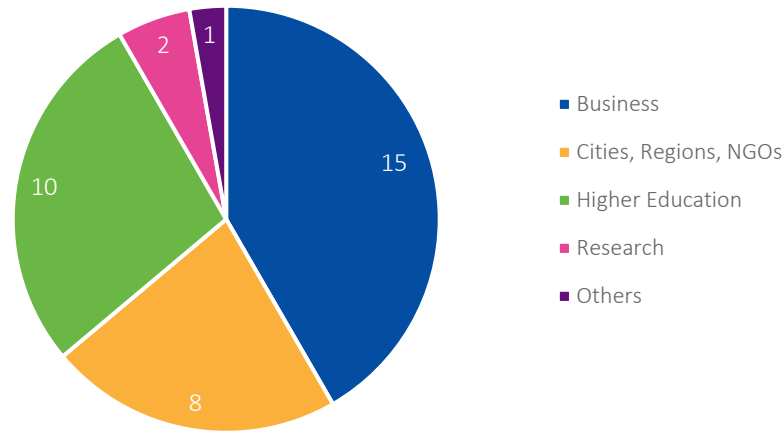
- 23 Danish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 6 Danish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 28.08 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Denmark.
- 68 Danish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 68 Danish graduates, 36 are men and 32 are women.
- 730+ Danish participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



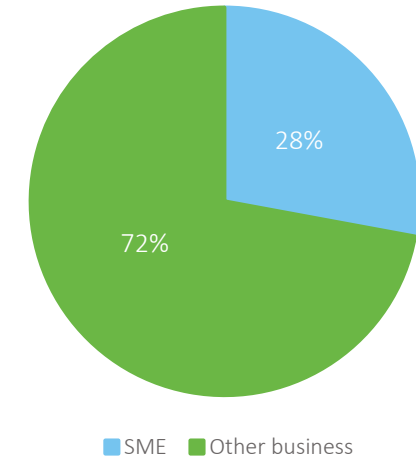
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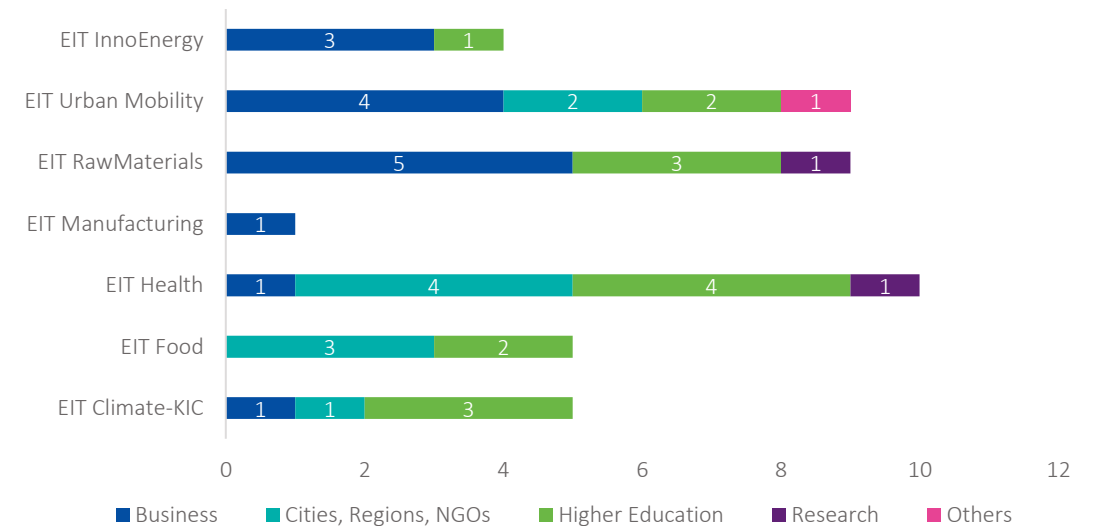


36 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Denmark participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Almost 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC

**PurCity**

*Better air quality through smart buildings*

PurCity is a Danish company on a mission to enhance the quality of life in cities worldwide. Their patented, sustainable, and highly efficient self-cleaning air purification solution directly captures carbon and cleans the air.

By joining EIT Climate-KIC's Greenhouse and Clean Cities ClimAccelerator programmes, PurCity could tap into a vast network of partners and expand its skills through training and mentoring sessions.



The start-up also received funding that helped validate and commercialize its innovation. Thanks to the ClimAccelerator grant, PurCity elevated its product to an industrial scale in collaboration with German manufacturer Abicore Binzel.

The team carried out further tests, and by 2022, PurCity had signed contracts with 3 international partners. In the same year, the start-up won 2nd place of the EIT Awards in the Innovators Award category.

“Nothing is more rewarding to a proud founder than to view his child grow so far, so great and this couldn't have happened without the support of the team, as well as EIT Climate-KIC who supported us and keep supporting us.”

Morteza Ghorbani Eftekhari, Founder  
& CEO of PurCity



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

WARD 24|7

Supported by EIT Health

## WARD 24/7

### *Improving post-operative care with AI-powered monitoring*

WARD 24/7 is an innovative solution offering non-stop monitoring with AI-powered interpretation of vital signs for hospitalised patients, allowing medical professionals to intervene earlier and prevent unexpected critical complications after operations.

In 2020, the start-up secured a spot in EIT Health's Headstart programme, which provided the team of clinicians with invaluable mentoring and a EUR 50 000 financial boost to accelerate the development of the product. With EIT Health's support, WARD 24/7 learned how to navigate the various steps required for validating their product and expanded their network in the health industry.



Since then, WARD 24/7 has grown from a collaboration of two Copenhagen-based hospitals into a national project that includes other hospitals and research groups. The commercialisation of the product is the next big step for the promising start-up, with the CE Mark and FDA regulatory approval processes underway.

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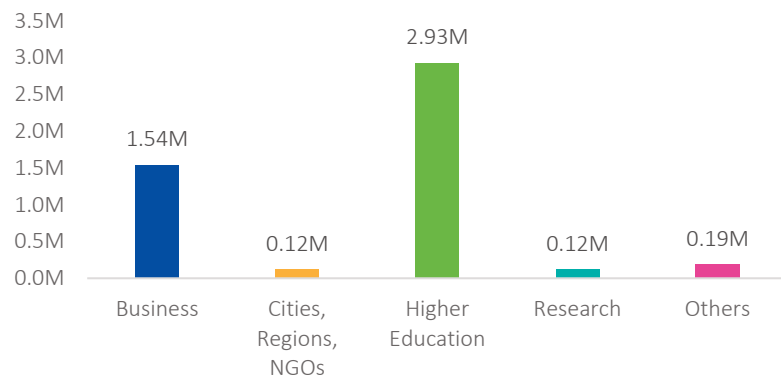
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ESTONIA

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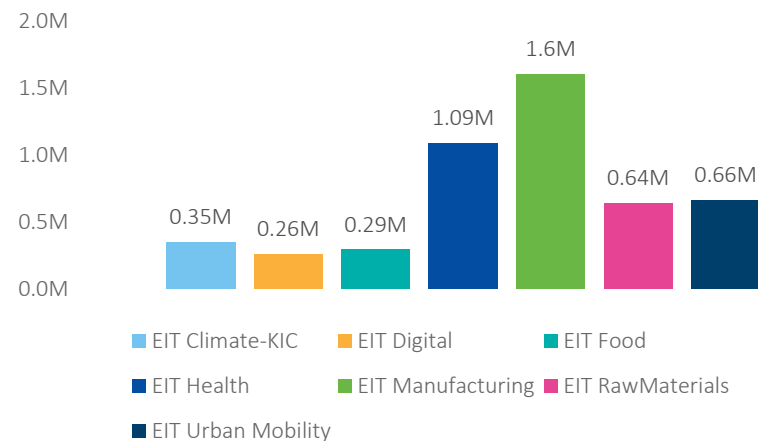
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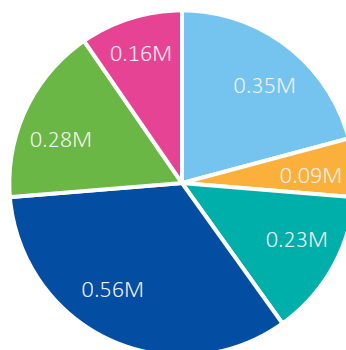


Estonia received a total of **EUR 4.89 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 2.32 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Estonian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 2.93 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 1.66 million to support Estonian SMEs, with EIT Health being the largest contributor.

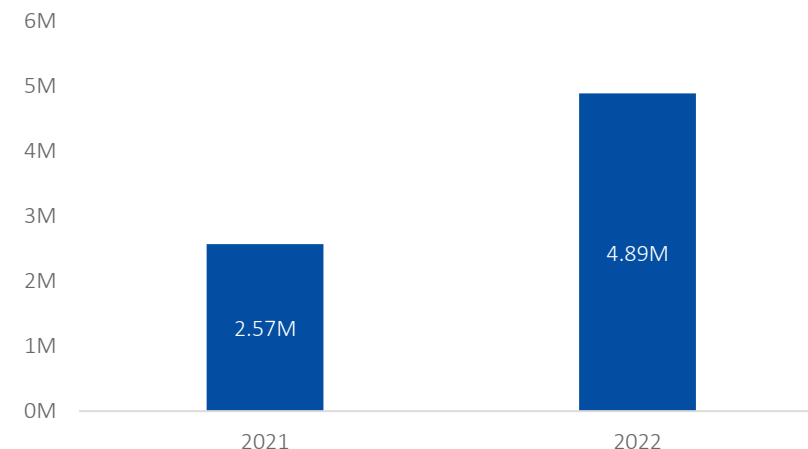
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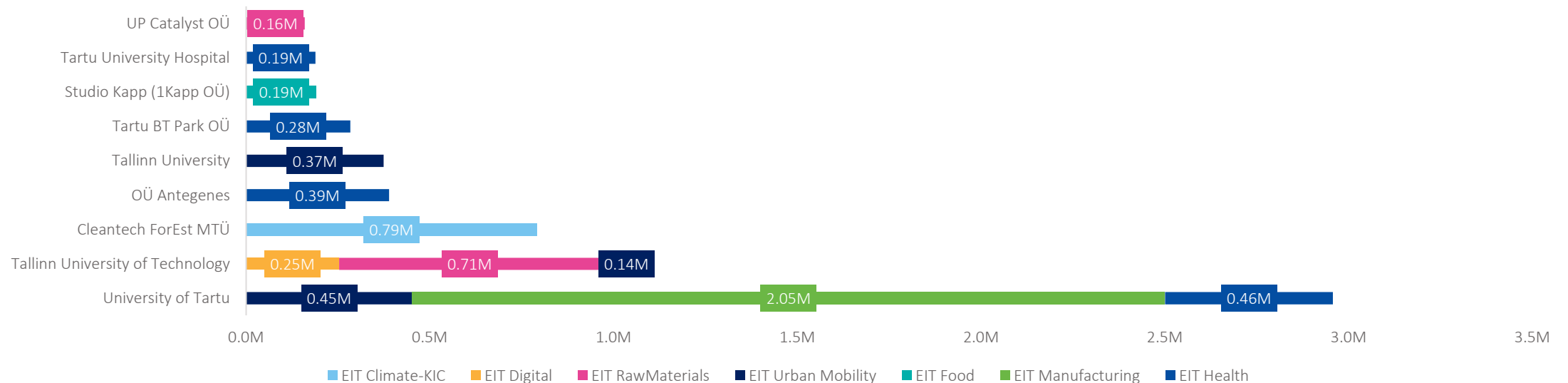
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ESTONIA



## In 2021-22:

- 85 Estonian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 29 Estonian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 22.7 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Estonia.
- 16 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 2 Estonian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 2 Estonian graduates, both were women.
- 1600+ Estonian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

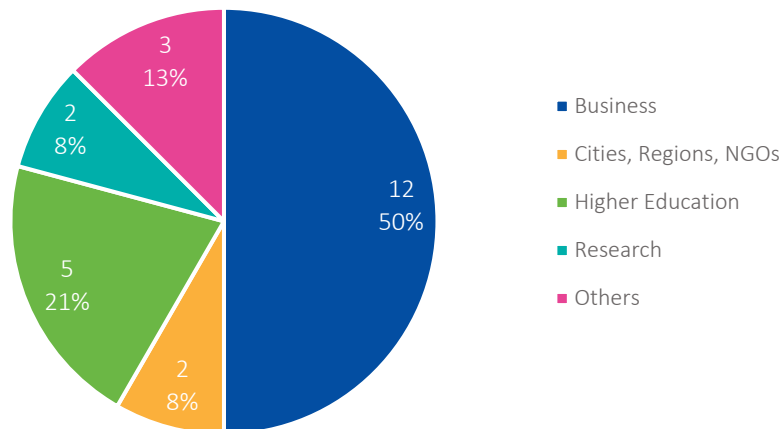
## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)





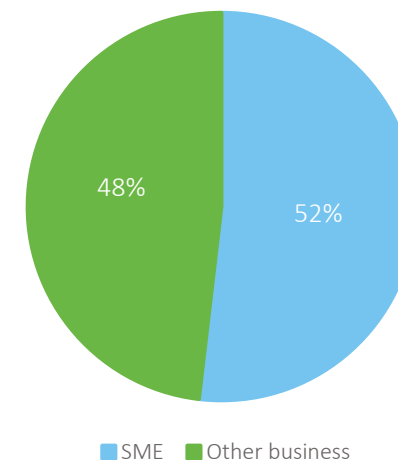
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

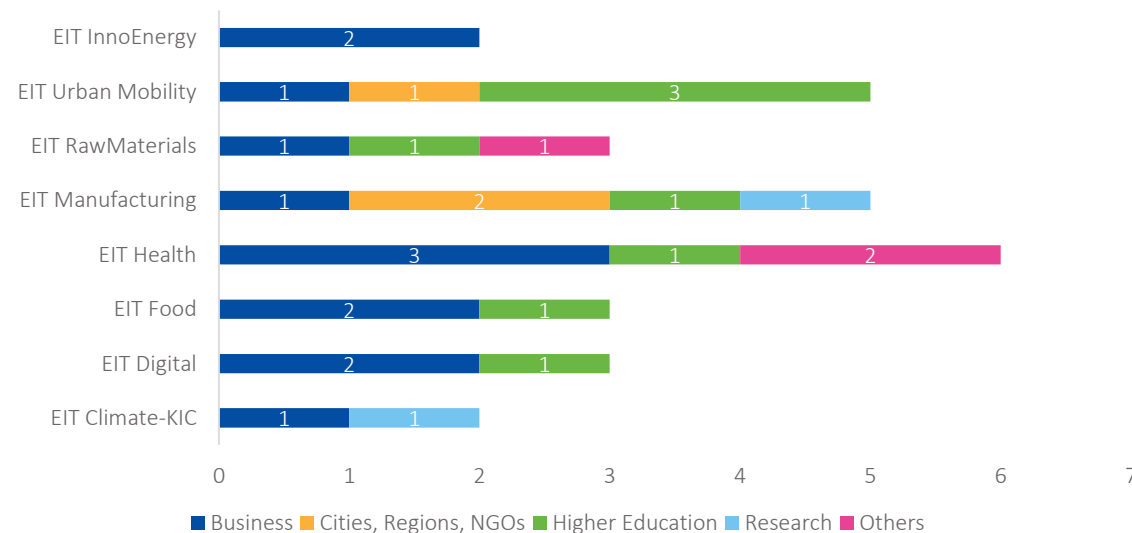


24 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Estonia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Over 50% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

**SKELE+ON**  
TECHNOLOGIES

Supported by EIT InnoEnergy

## Skeleton Technologies

*Fueling an energy storage revolution with EIT  
InnoEnergy*

Skeleton Technologies delivers high power, high energy, reliable and long-life storage solutions across industries.

The company's new generation batteries, the so-called ultracapacitors, are revolutionising the market, delivering twice the energy density of their competitors' devices. Recharged in less than two seconds, with a lifetime of more than one million uses (compared to the 3 000 uses typical of traditional batteries), the patented 'curved graphene' ultracapacitors are genuinely game-changing.

EIT InnoEnergy supported Skeleton Technologies' growth and development from the beginning, starting with a EUR 4 million investment in 2016. Since then, EIT InnoEnergy has further invested in the company in private financing rounds in 2021 and 2022 and has nurtured the growth of the scale-up through its vast network, offering matchmaking with potential partners.



With a workforce exceeding 220 employees, the company has successfully raised over EUR 280 million in funding and has already become the go-to partner for fast energy storage.

"Apart from the monetary support, what has helped us a lot is the network that the EIT and EIT InnoEnergy has provided to us: the network of experts, the contacts with different companies, the experience, and especially the experience for new founders and young companies. What is important for a young company? Which areas should we focus on and not focus on? And all of this experience, I would say, was worth at least as much as the equity support!"

Dr. Sebastian Pohlman, VP for Automotive  
and Business Development at Skeleton  
Technologies

EIT Funding	EUR 4 Million (2015) Private financing rounds in 2021 and 2022 (EUR 41.3 M + 37.6 M)
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Global Cleantech 110 Hall of Fame 2022</li><li>Estonian Startup Awards 'Revenue Hack' award 2020</li></ul>

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Manufacturing



## *InMaS – Closing the skills gap in manufacturing*

“Interactive Manufacturing @ Schools” (InMaS) is an EIT Manufacturing-supported programme that aims to increase the number of skilled professionals entering the manufacturing market. By harnessing the power of interactive sessions like webinars, workshops, seminars, open-door days at engineering companies and lab visits, the project draws students and teachers from secondary schools into the exciting world of manufacturing.

In Estonia, the InMaS programme at the University of Tartu offered high school students an immersive experience where they could engage with manufacturing concepts, soldering techniques and self-driving cars.

As a result of these sessions, 39% of participants expressed the desire to explore manufacturing, robotics and coding further, while 11.5% contemplated a manufacturing career.

The initiative is not limited to the classroom: InMaS ventured into the manufacturing industry itself, conducting research in 31 companies across Slovakia, Estonia and Greece, to understand the skills needs of manufacturing companies in the region better. With over 320 participants and more than 10 involved high schools, InMas demonstrates the transformative power of education through experiential learning for the next generation of innovators.

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# EIT COMMUNITY IN FINLAND

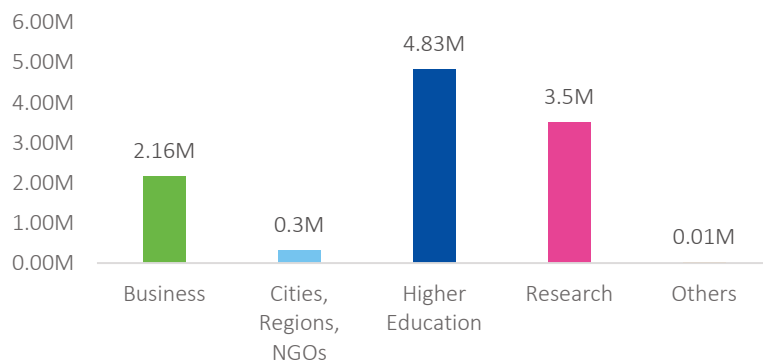
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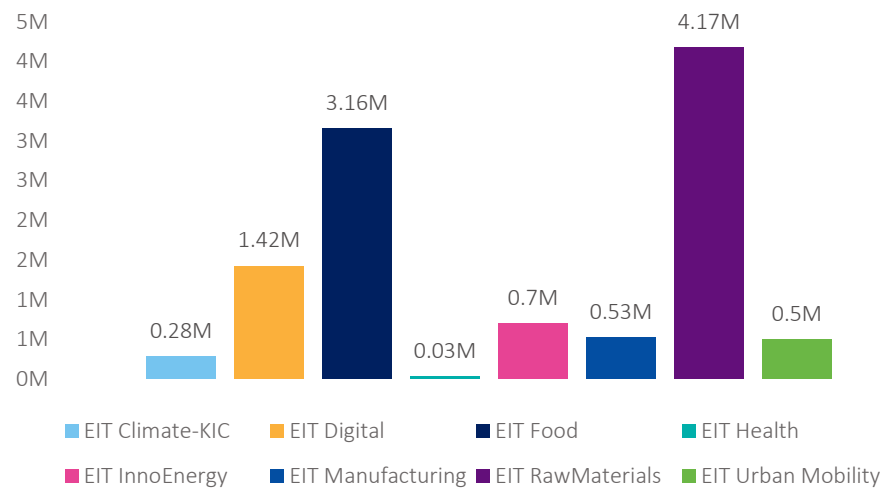
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

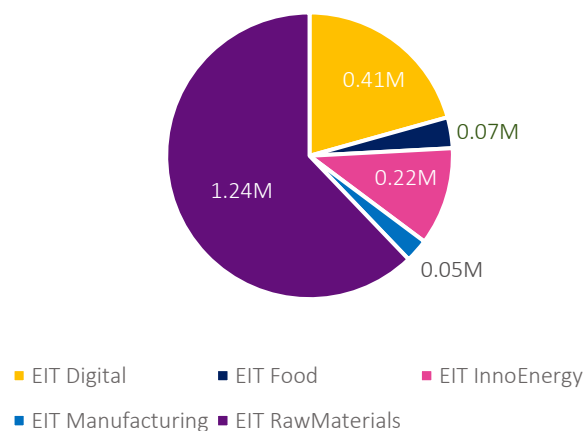


Finland received a total of **EUR 10.79 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount was directed to Finnish organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 4.83 million) was dedicated to higher education activities. The funding included EUR 2 million to support Finnish SMEs, mainly under EIT RawMaterials.

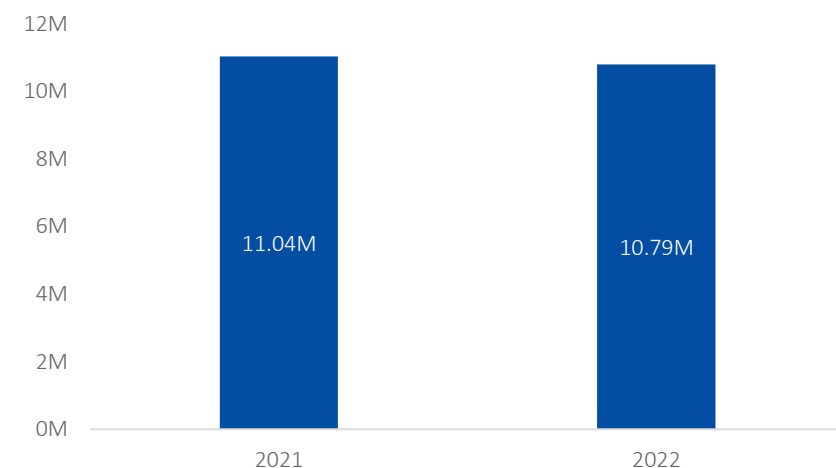
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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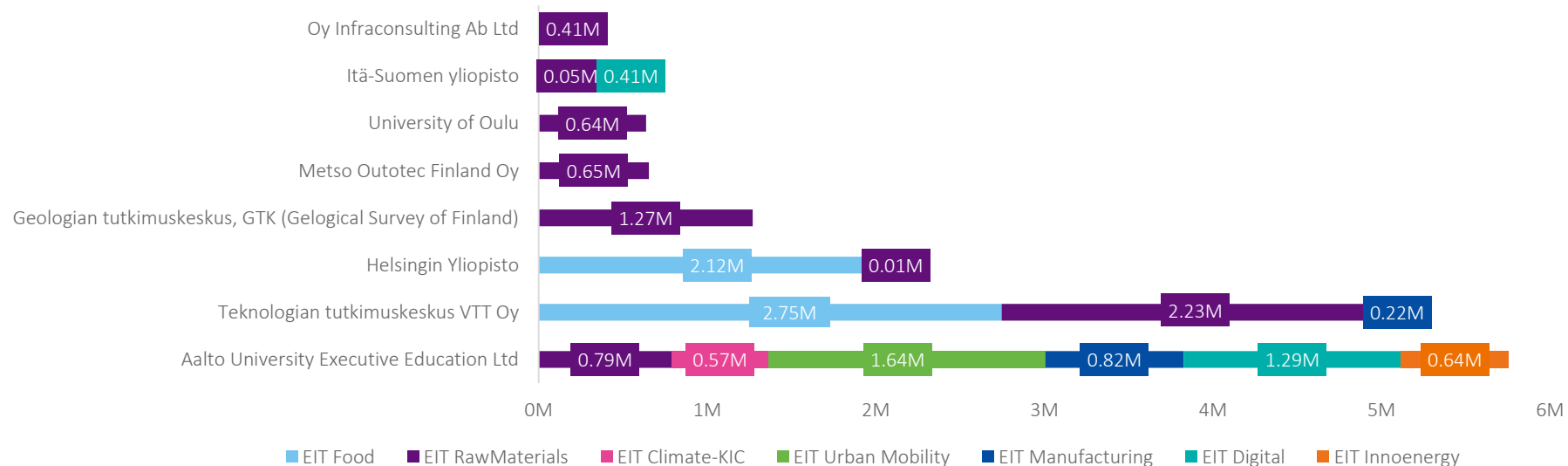
# EIT COMMUNITY IN FINLAND



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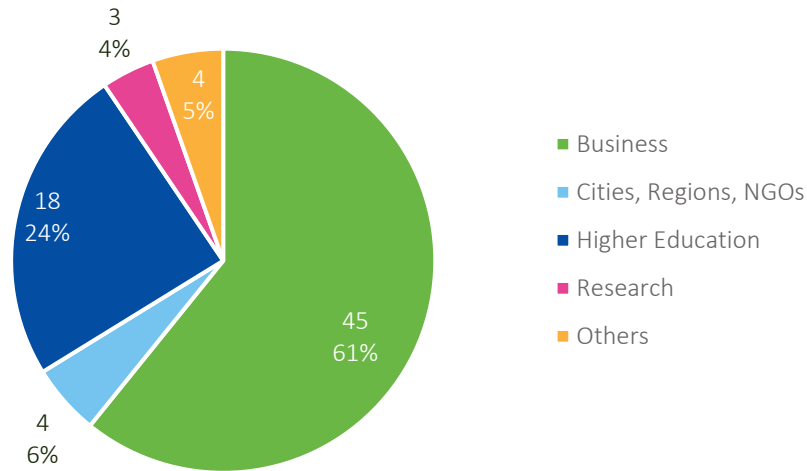
- 73 Finnish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 11 Finnish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 91.73 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Finland.
- 9 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 107 Finnish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 107 Finnish graduates, 79 are men and 28 are women.
- 920 Finnish participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

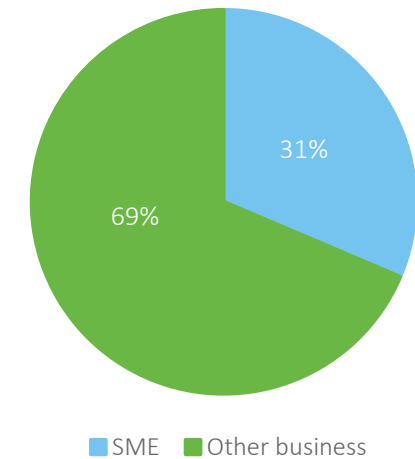


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

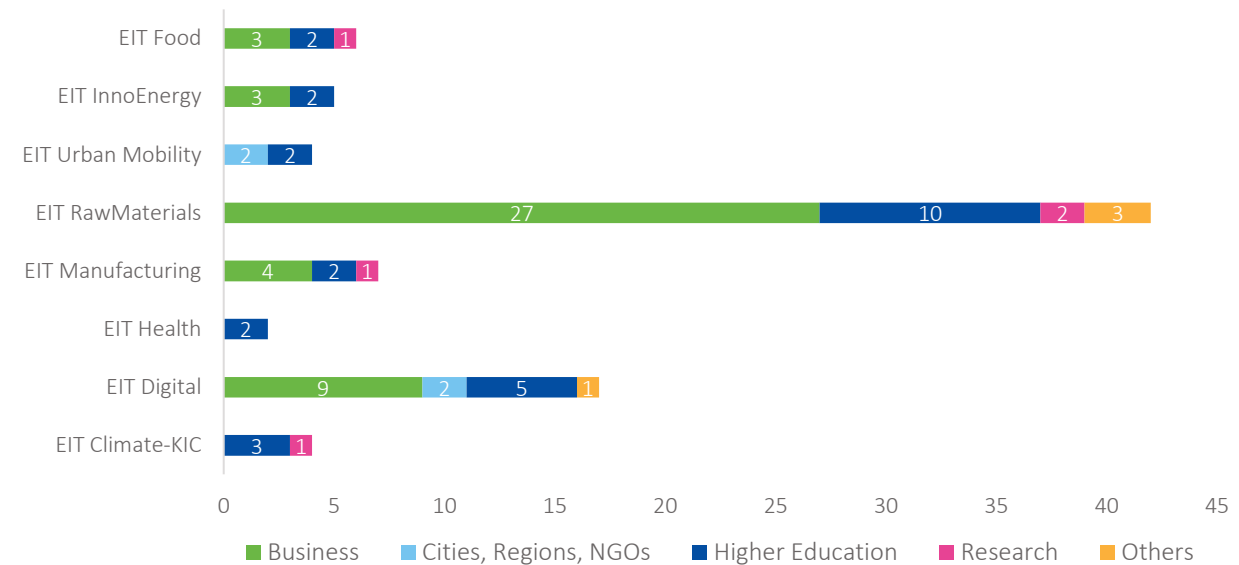


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



74 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Finland participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Around 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## TASTE2MEAT

Supported by EIT Food

Project partners



### TASTE2MEAT - Pioneering new meat alternatives

The TASTE2MEAT project contributes to a zero-waste and sustainable food system by upcycling sunflower press cake as a protein ingredient and designing both hybrid and solely plant-based tasty meat alternatives for European consumers.

Led by the VTT Technology Center of Finland, the initiative is supported by EIT Food, which provided extensive networking and matchmaking opportunities and a substantial **financial contribution of EUR 861 968** for the international consortium.

In the 2-year project, the TASTE2MEAT team perfected the extrusion process for sunflower protein concentration, paving the way towards mass production.

The research team tested the innovative solutions in the UK and in Germany through consumer sensory analysis and finally showcased them in Espoo, Finland.

Moreover, the project's findings on a plant-meat hybrid concept were published in the LWT Food Res Tech journal, contributing to the know-how on plant-based meat alternatives.

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## VTT UPSCALING PROJECT

Supported by EIT RawMaterials

### CREDIT – Innovative chemical technology to power the EV revolution

The CREDIT project led by the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT) set out to test new ways of treating and regenerating sodium sulphate, a potentially harmful substance produced during mining processes used for EV batteries. Over 250 mines across Europe could possibly benefit from the new sustainable technology explored by the project.

EIT RawMaterials provided **EUR 1 605 355** to the research, allowing the team to demonstrate and scale the innovative treatment at the Sotkamo mine in Finland. With the participation of VTT, Alto University of Finland and SUEZ Group SAS from France, as well as



other industry and research partners, the consortium carried out tests for several months.

Thanks to the support of EIT RawMaterials, the project confirmed the scalability of the innovation, and the consortium members can now commercialise the treatment facilities and secure a leading global role in sustainable battery chemical technologies.

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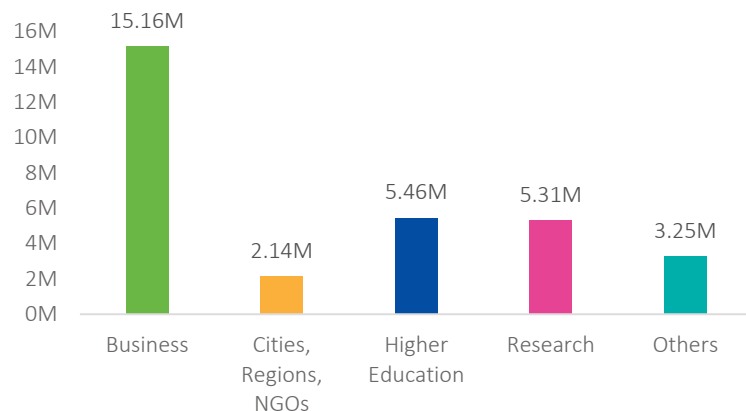
# EIT COMMUNITY IN FRANCE

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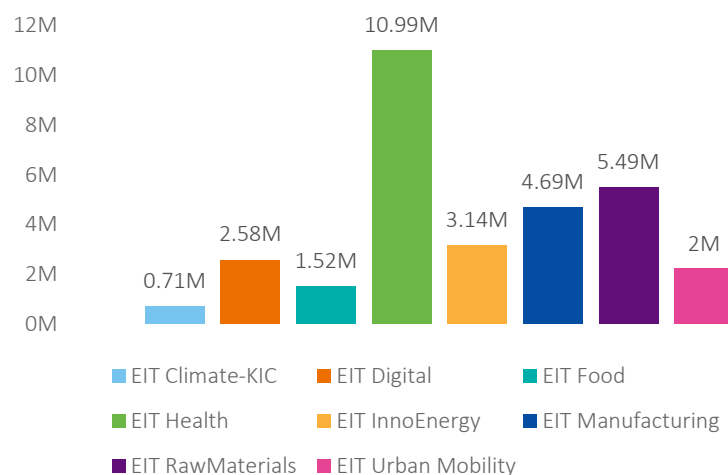
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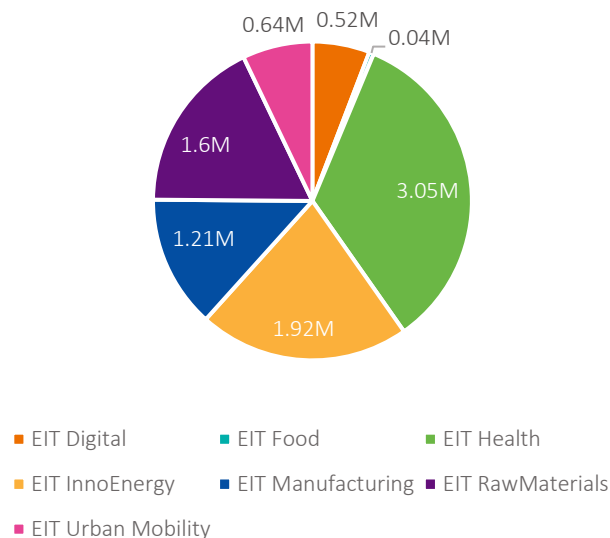


France received a total of **EUR 31.32 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount was directed to French organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share (EUR 15.16 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 8.98 million to support French SMEs with EIT Health offering the largest contribution to SMEs.

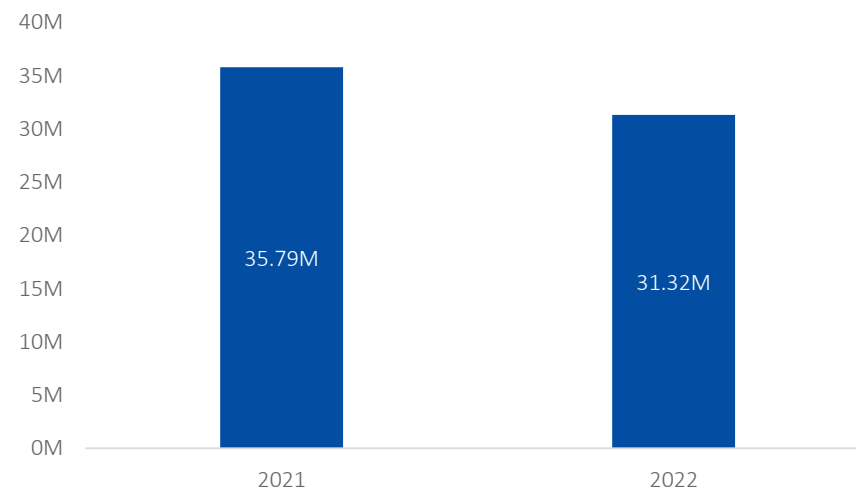
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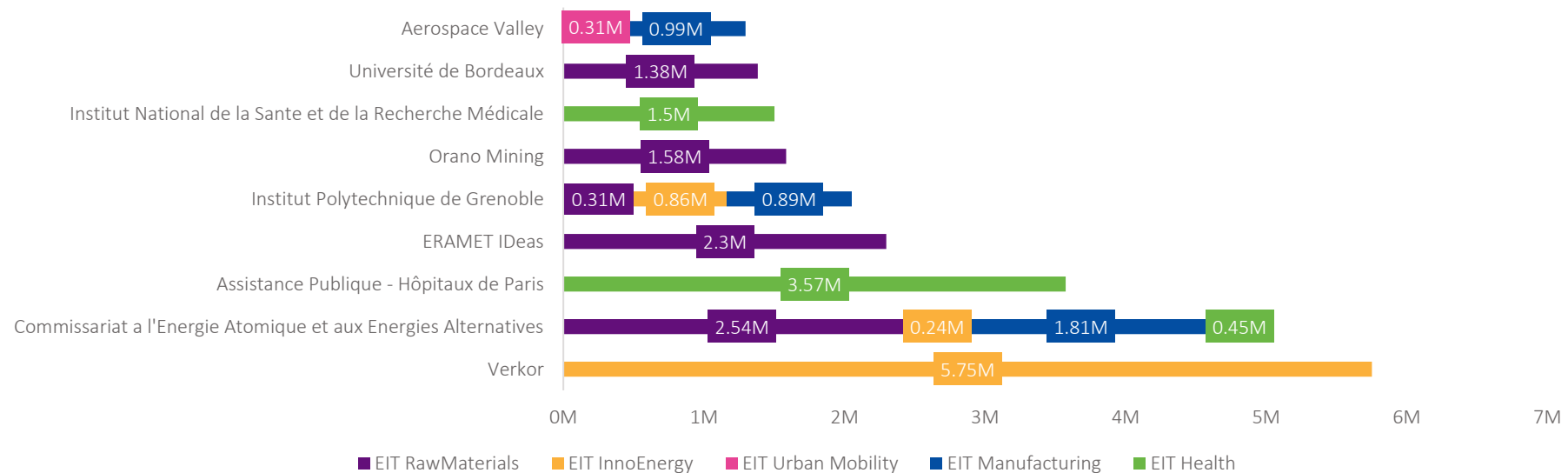
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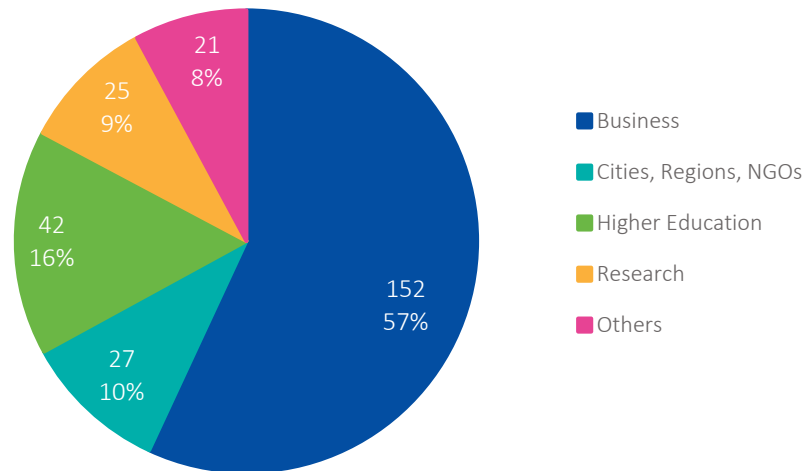
- 223 French start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 45 French women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 754.86 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in France.
- 64 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 188 French residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 188 French graduates, 109 are men and 79 are women.
- 2000+ participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



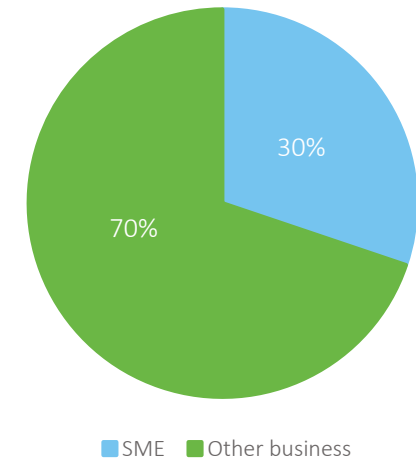
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

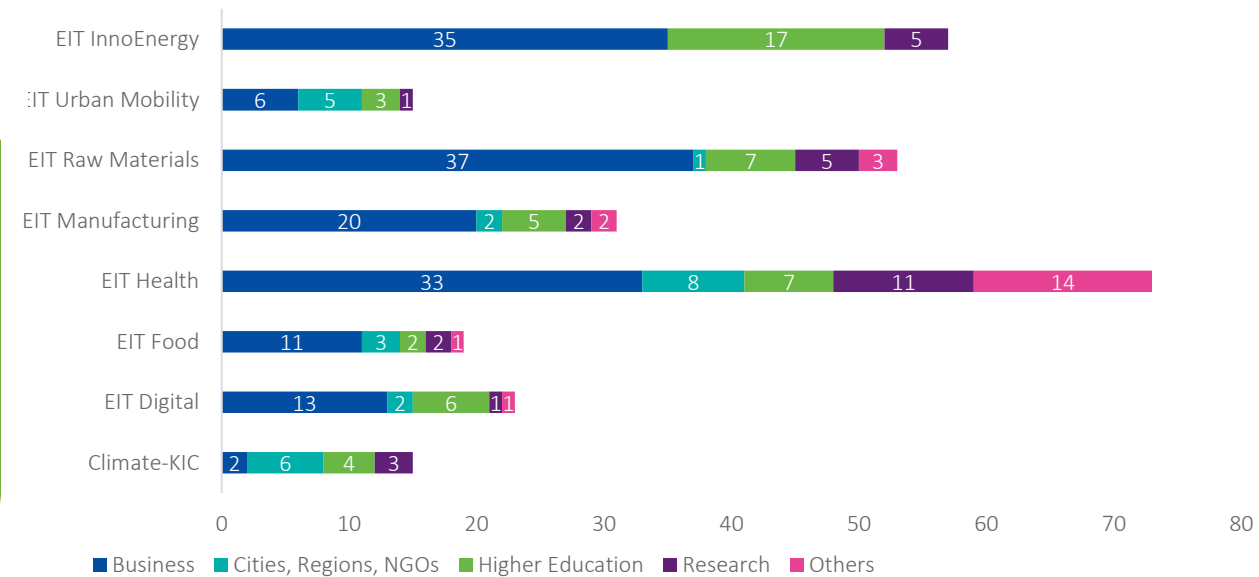


267 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from France participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



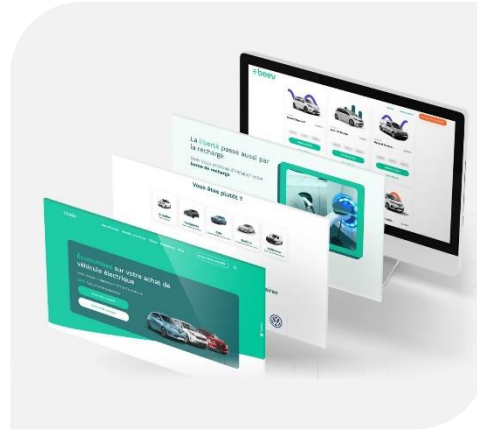
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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



**Beev**  
*Electrical vehicles for everyone*



**Beev** is on a mission to make electrical vehicle adoption accessible to everyone. The start-up empowers individuals and companies to seamlessly explore and select the right electric vehicle, boasting an extensive catalogue and diverse purchasing options, all while maintaining manufacturer independence.

In 2022, Beev participated in EIT Supernovas RocketUp, an initiative supporting female-led start-ups to take their business to a new market for the first time.

Through the programme, Beev received training and one-to-one mentoring from leading industry experts and academia centres. One of the mentors connected the start-up to various local companies, allowing the team to understand how to enter the Belgian market and eventually paving the way to its launch in Wallonia, the French-speaking part of Belgium.

In addition, Beev received a substantial investment of EUR 185 000 from EIT Urban Mobility, the lead of the Supernovas project, to promote its further expansion.

*“EIT Supernovas helps women expand in other European countries. It gave us the opportunity to have introductions with relevant experts, also to start really putting together a strategy to go abroad, which is really helpful when you are starting a company and starting to look for opportunities to go abroad. We got the opportunity to have coaching from really cool people, great intros [...]. I would recommend it for anyone who would need this programme for their startups.”*

**Chanez Djoudi**, COO and Co-founder of BEEV

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

**snowpack**

Supported by EIT Digital

## Snowpack *Unparalleled privacy and security powered by EIT Digital*

Snowpack seeks to revolutionise cybersecurity through its innovative anonymity network, where user identities and data routes remain guarded, providing security that eclipses conventional encryption methods.

The Paris-based start-up submitted its business idea to the EIT Digital Innovation Factory in May 2021, a month before they incorporated the company.

By taking part in the programme, Snowpack has benefited from financial support, strategic packaging guidance, investor and client acquisition opportunities and received a funding of EUR 277 000.



Recognising Snowpack's immense potential, EIT Digital has secured an equity stake of 2.12% in the start-up through an equity-funding exchange. Snowpack has garnered interest from the French government, which has provided more than EUR 1 million in subsidies.

The start-up plans to invest the total of EUR 2 million raised in building a sales and marketing team to scale-up and internationalise the business.



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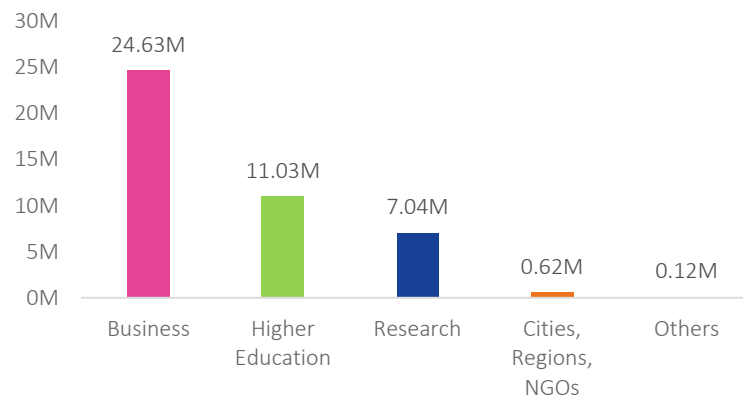
# EIT COMMUNITY IN GERMANY

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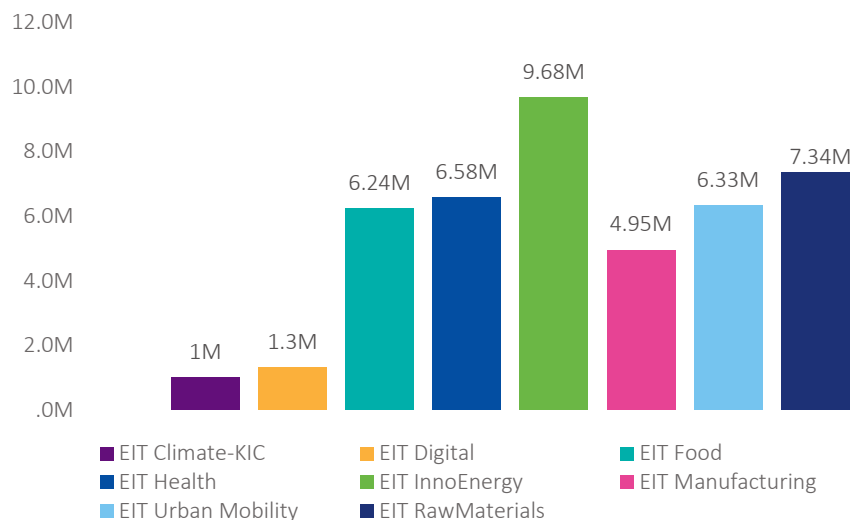
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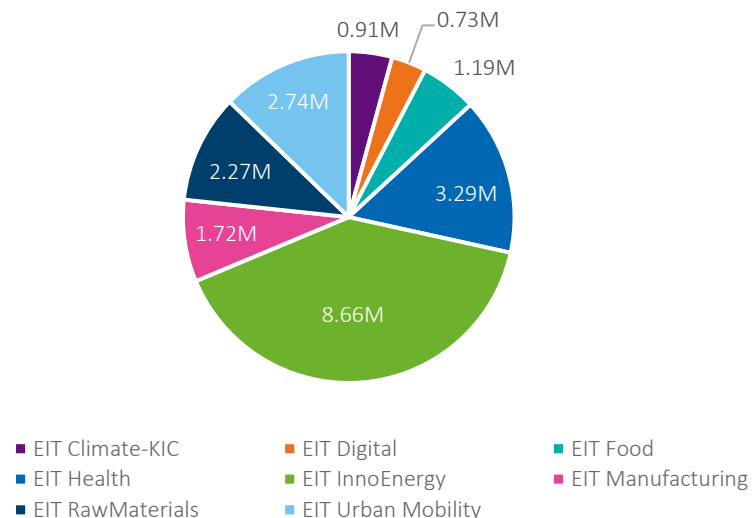


Germany received a total of **EUR 43.44 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount was directed to German organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 24.63 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 21.51 million to support German SMEs, with EIT InnoEnergy being the largest contributor.

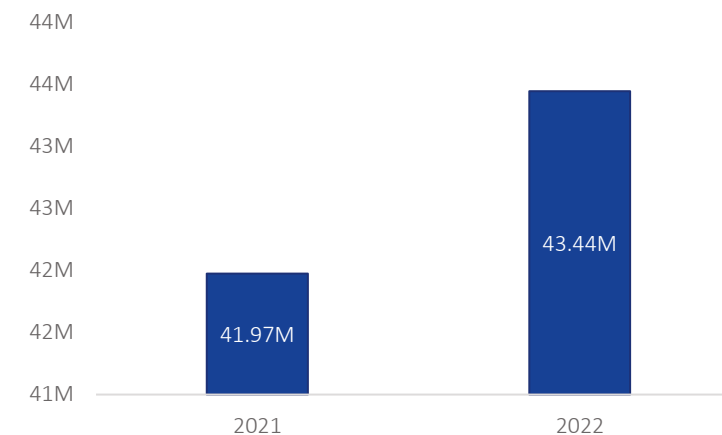
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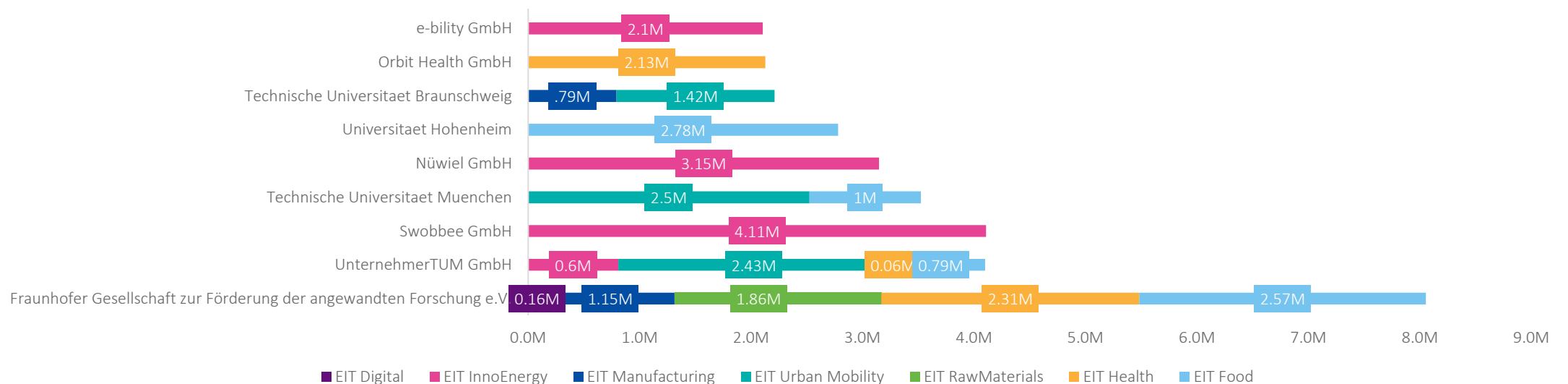
# EIT COMMUNITY IN GERMANY



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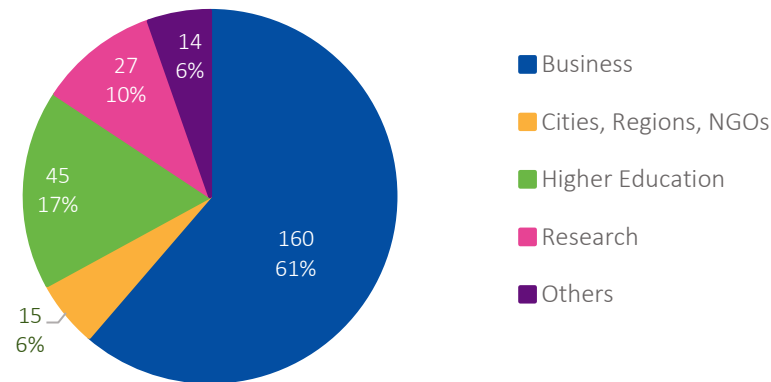
- 360 German start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 51 German women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- Around EUR 299 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Germany.
- 82 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 124 German residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 124 German graduates, 76 are men and 48 are women.
- 3224 participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



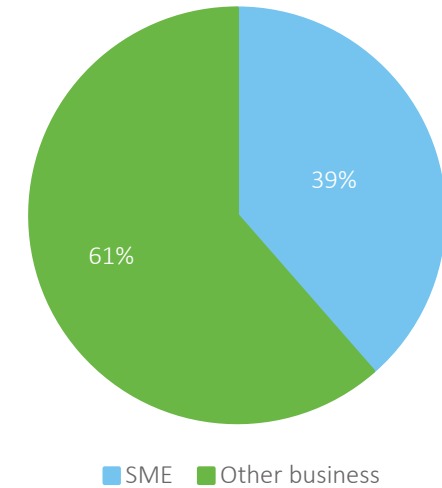
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Number of Partner Organisations per Area  
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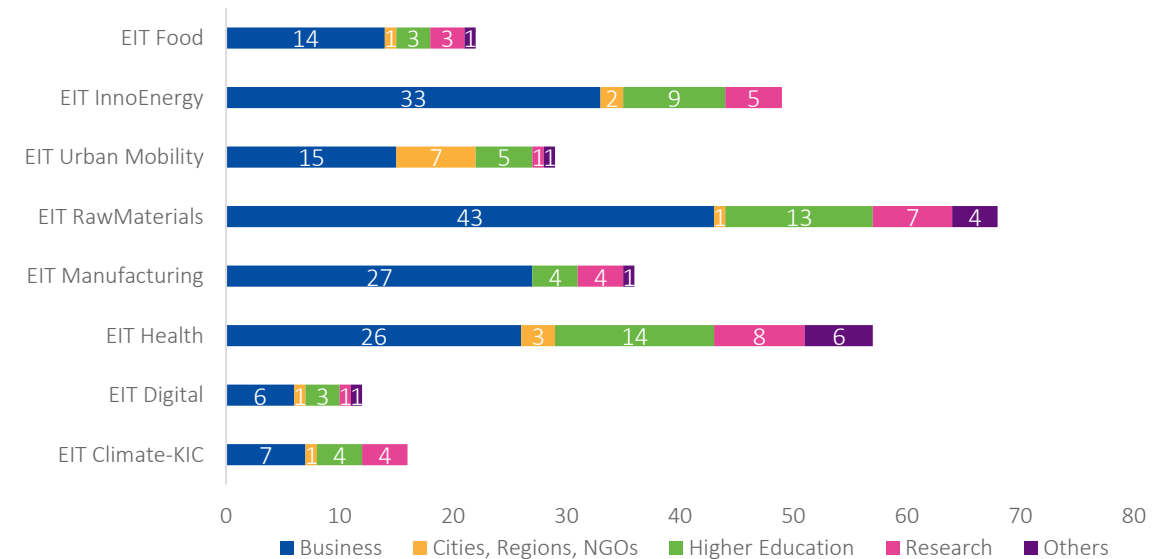


261 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Germany participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Close to 40% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



## Ariadne Maps - From flow data to valuable insights

**Ariadne Maps'** cutting-edge indoor localisation technology uses smartphone-generated signals on various frequencies to analyse individuals' movements, enabling companies to create efficient people flow strategies.

Emerging from the EIT Digital Open Innovation Factory, Ariadne got off to a flying start in 2019. At the EIT Digital Annual Conferences in 2019 and 2020, the start-up seized the limelight as an exhibitor, forging new connections with potential customers and investors.

Making great strides, Ariadne Maps has created partnerships with international industry leaders, proving how EIT-backed innovation can swiftly scale to industry-shaping levels. Large corporate customers, including Deutsche Bahn and the Atlantis The Palm Hotel in Dubai, have signed up to be customers.

A shining star of EIT Digital's Equity portfolio company, the start-up has successfully raised a USD 7 million Series A funding round. The funding will fuel the start-up's growth and solidify its position as a technology leader in the sector. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to 313,000 EUR.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



**Resourcify**

Supported by EIT Raw Materials

## Resourcify - Digitising waste management for a circular economy

**Resourcify** is Europe's leading digital platform for waste management, empowering companies to monitor waste streams and elevate their recycling rates.

Founded in 2015, the start-up turned its basic concept into a business case with the help of EIT Climate-KIC. The company then partnered with EIT RawMaterials to bring the solution to market through the U-Start Cleantech Accelerator programme and later on, successfully applied for the Booster Calls launched by RawMaterials.



Thanks to the fruitful collaboration with the KIC partner network and the funding offered, the start-up successfully honed its product, launching it on the market and gaining considerable traction. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to 247,000 EUR.

Fueled by the initial support of the EIT Community, Resourcify has raised over EUR 9 million in total, allowing the start-up to rapidly expand its team of 3 to a 50-strong workforce. Now, Resourcify is used in over 15,000 locations in 7 countries, helping corporate clients including Hornbach and Johnson and Johnson, to recycle 50% more of their waste on average.



Numbers of employees	Before EIT support: 3 After EIT support: 50
Awards	Land der Ideen 2018

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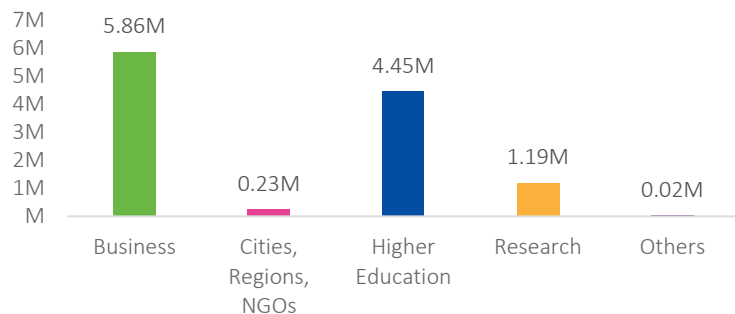
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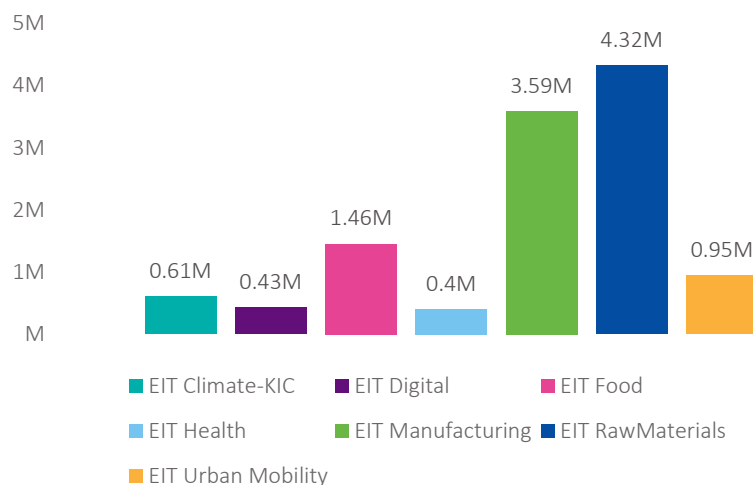
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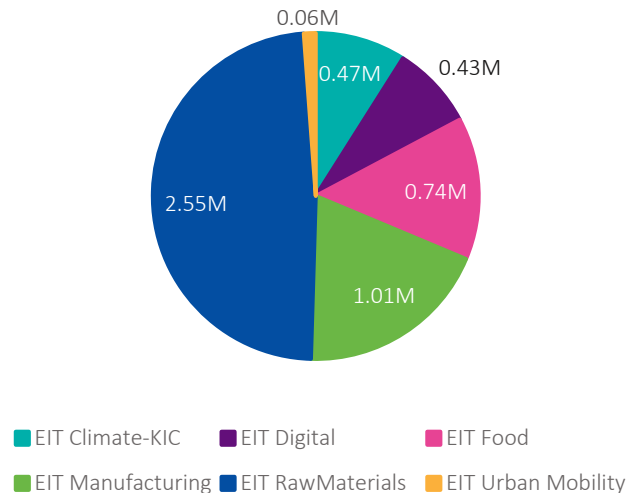


Greece received a total of **EUR 11.76 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 5.5 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Greek organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 5.86 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 5.26 million to support Greek SMEs, mainly under EIT RawMaterials.

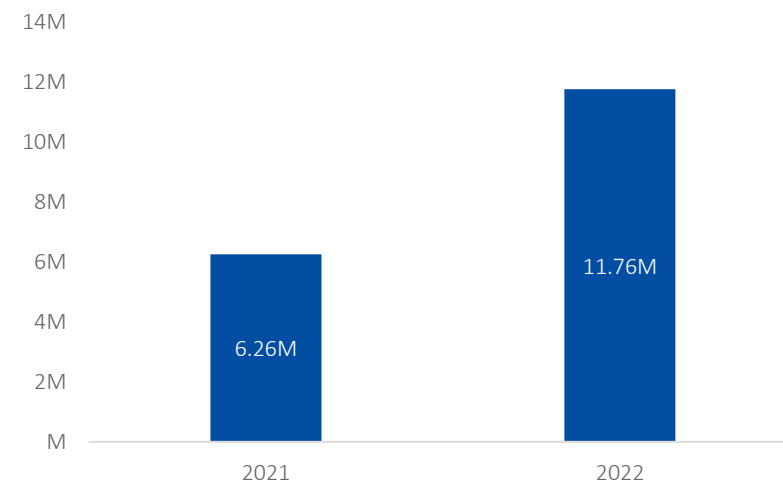
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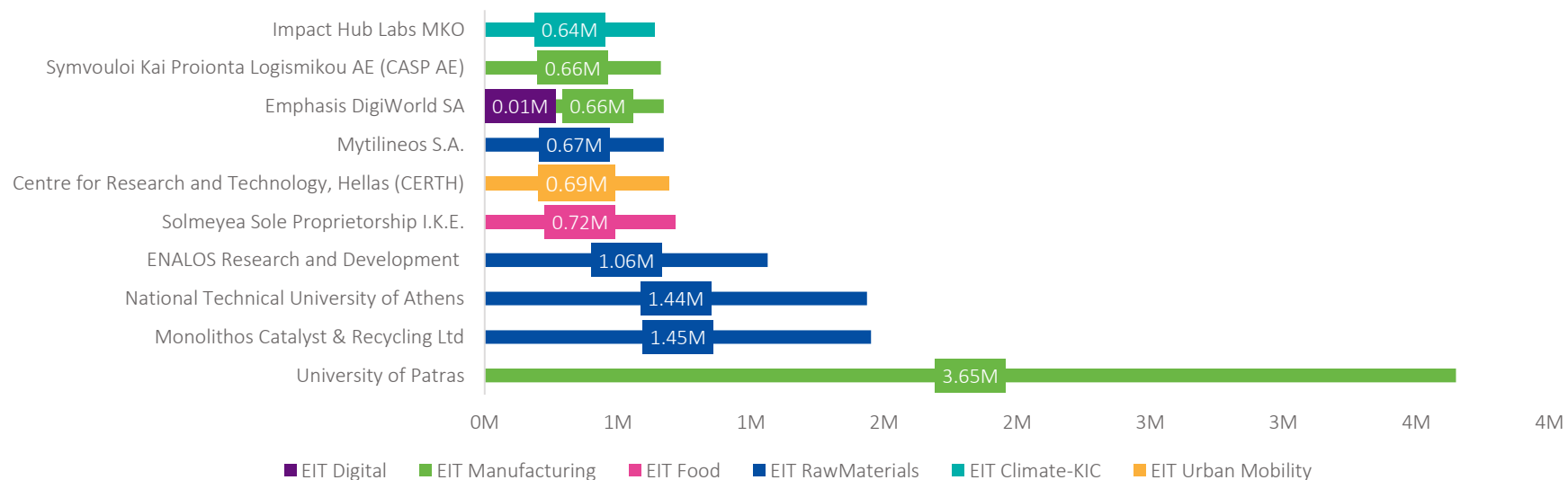
# EIT COMMUNITY IN GREECE



## In 2021-22:

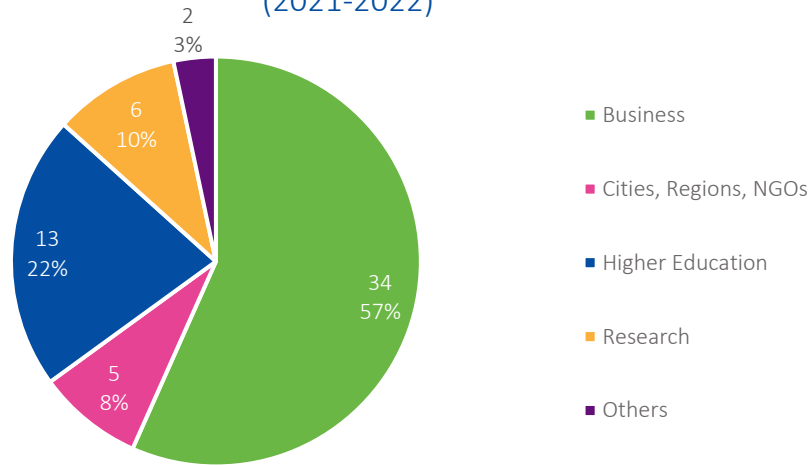
- 173 Greek start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 16 start-ups were created with the support of the EIT in Greece.
- 25 women entrepreneurs from Greece received support from the EIT.
- 33 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- EUR 11.1 million of investment was attracted by the start-ups supported by EIT KICs.
- 8 Greek residents graduated from EIT Label programmes (Masters or PhD).
- 5080+ Greek participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



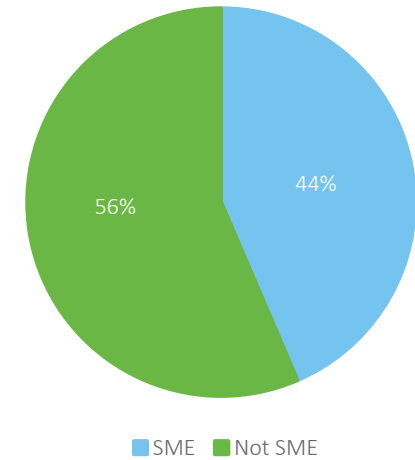
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Number of Organisations per Area  
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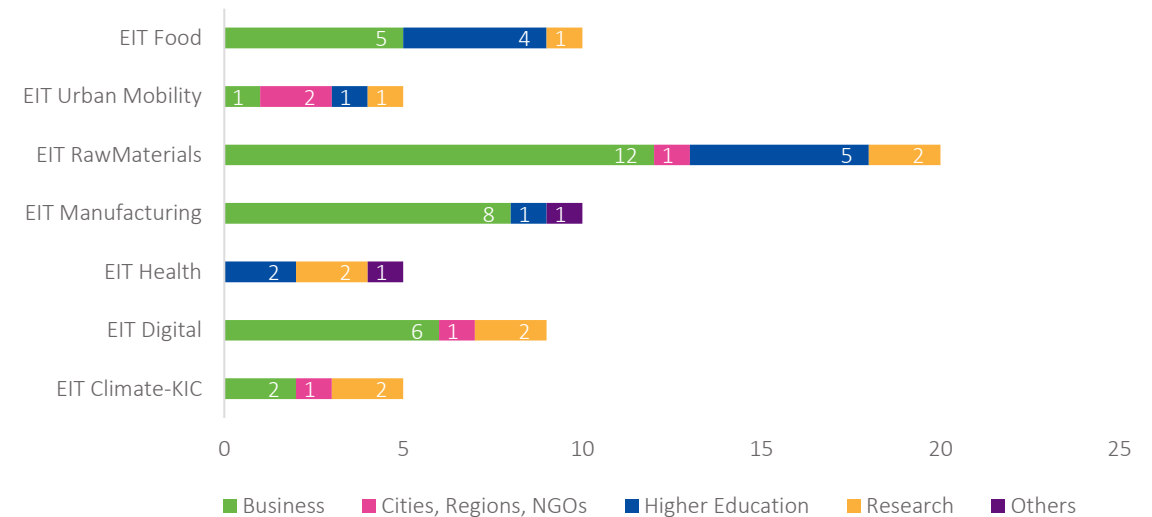


60 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Greece participate in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Over 40% of them are SMEs. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC

## E-KINESIS

*Empowering electromobility as a retrofit solution*

**E-KINESIS** electrifies pre-owned Diesel vehicles with a battery-electric powertrain system and expert consultation services for optimised EV charging. Its innovative product, Elektra System helps truck owners to cut carbon emissions and purchasing costs.

The start-up received extensive support from EIT Climate-KIC, allowing the team to participate in workshops and coaching sessions, which helped calibrate the company's value proposition, its environmental impact and financial planning process. Furthermore, with the help of the EIT Climate-KIC grant, E-KINESIS could enhance its marketing efforts and invest in trademark registration.



Bolstered by the strategic groundwork, E-KINESIS captured the attention of crucial Greek companies at the 7th Innovation Ready workshop of the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises in 2022 and has been expanding ever since.

With project proposals worth over EUR 250 000 in 2023, E-KINESIS is a promising innovation story that showcases the transformative power of the expertise and funding offered by the EIT Community.

“Being well structured and professionally coordinated, the ClimAccelerator programme can provide start-ups at early stages with know-how and financial support to shape their business plan and implement initial developments.”

Stavros Skarlis, Co-founder & General Manager

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



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Oliveex

*Reducing waste in the food industry through IoT monitoring*

Oliveex's state-of-the-art IoT technology enables customers to replace the current manual quality control of food fermentation process with internet-connected, plug-and-play sensors that allow real-time measurements, resulting in less food waste and better quality.

The team showcased its innovation at the 2019 EIT Food Innovation Prize competition, where the start-up took home the EUR 10 000 first prize. In 2020, the company took part in the EIT Digital Venture Program, which helps innovators of RIS countries to establish their companies and develop a market-validated

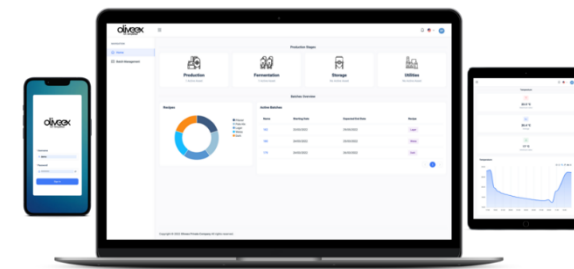


version of their products. With a EUR 25 000 Digital Venture Grant and new industry connections, Oliveex transformed its idea into a business in less than a year. In the same year, Oliveex was also supported through an EIT Food Grant of EUR 30 000.

Recognising the company's potential, EIT Digital welcomed Oliveex in its equity portfolio, securing a 5% equity stake in the venture. In 2022, the company achieved a major milestone, raising EUR 270 000 of venture capital funding.

"The final deliverables of the programme were incorporating the start-up and starting to raise funds. Through the programme's extensive support and mentorship, we achieved these major milestones, and we will be glad to continue our journey with TECS Capital and EIT Digital on board. EIT Digital provided us with extensive support through its powerful network of partners."

Konstantinos Akrivos Oliveex CTO & co-founder



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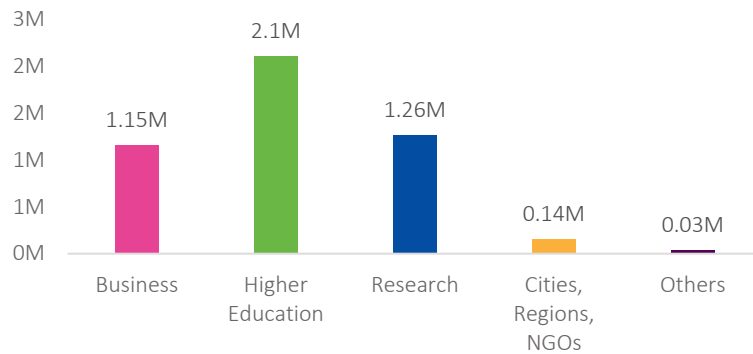
# EIT COMMUNITY IN HUNGARY

Country Factsheet 2023



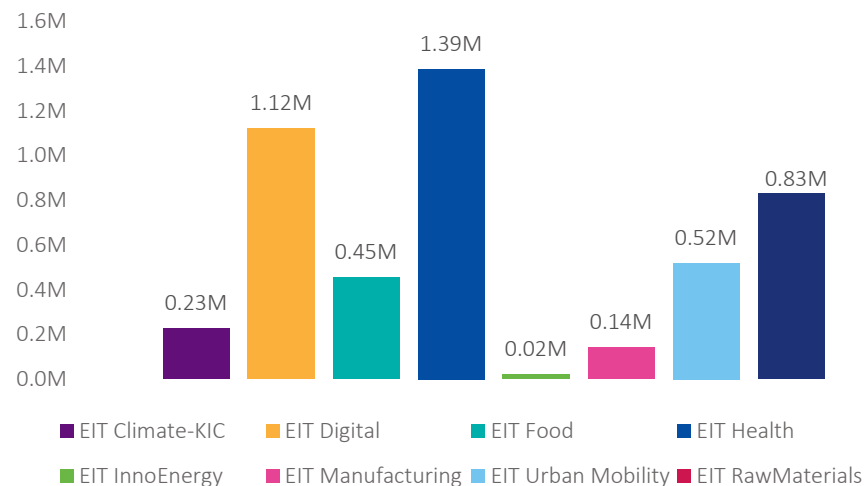
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EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

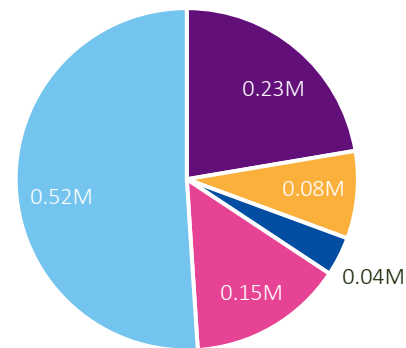


Hungary received a total of **EUR 4.7 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount was directed to Hungarian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (2.10 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included about EUR 1 million to support Hungarian SMEs, mainly under EIT Urban Mobility.

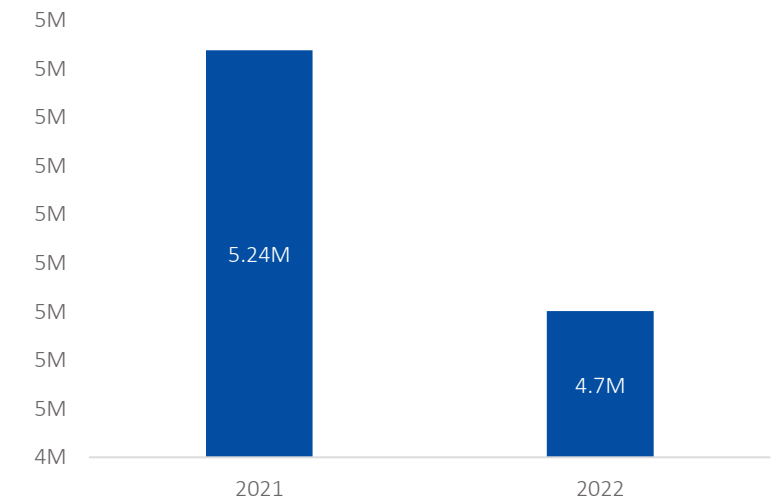
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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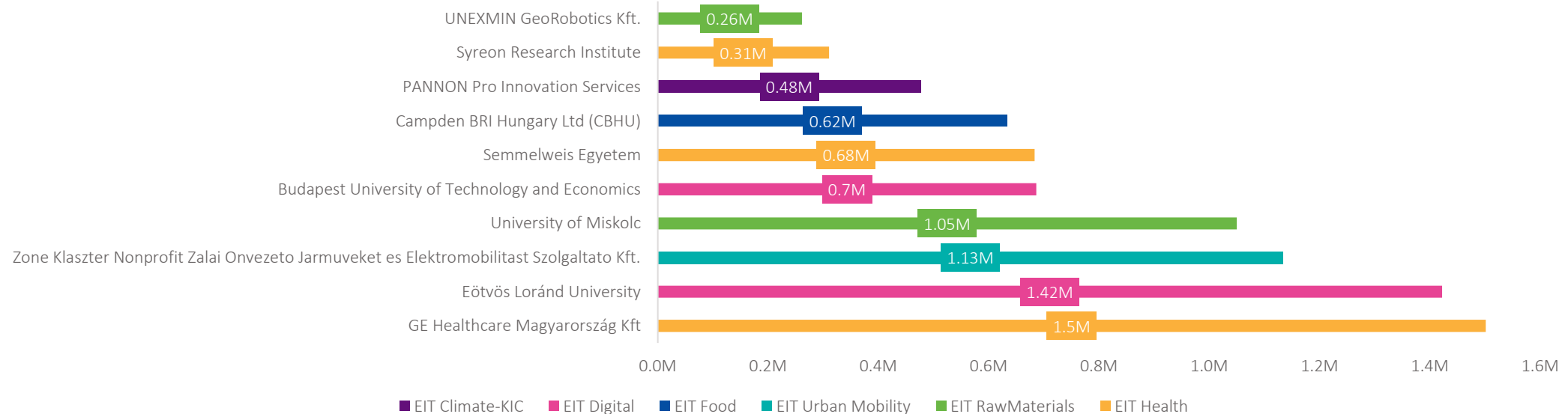
# EIT COMMUNITY IN HUNGARY



## In 2021-22:

- 102 Hungarian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 36 Hungarian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 20,85 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Hungary.
- 9 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 43 Hungarian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 43 Hungarian graduates, 36 are men and 7 are women.
- 3400+ Hungarian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

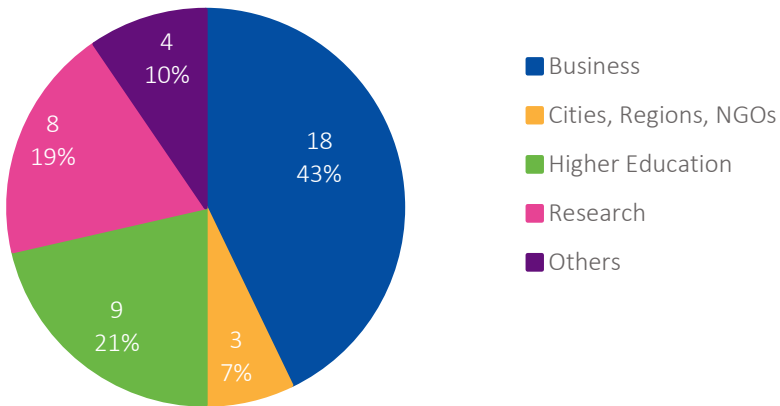
## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)





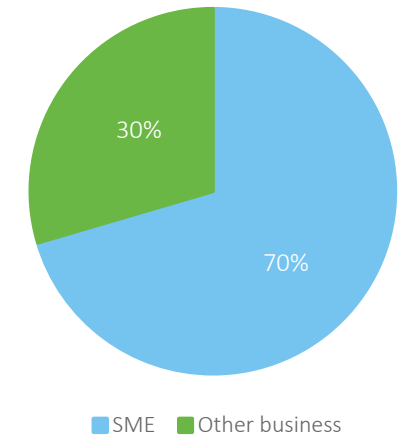
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Number of Partner Organisations per Area  
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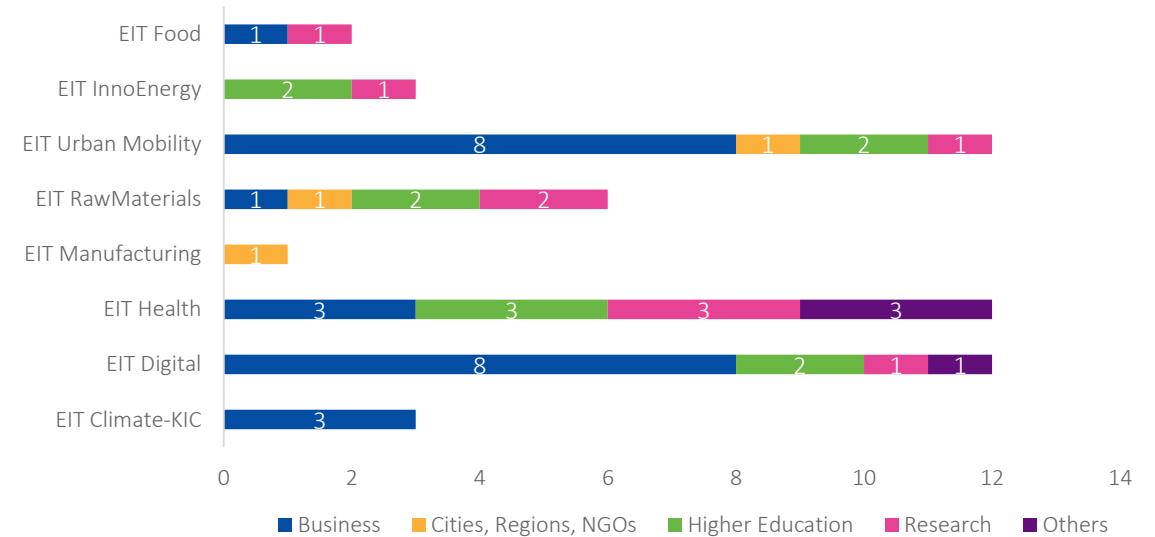


42 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Hungary participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Around 70% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

COMPOT

AGYAG BELTÉRI  
KOMPOSZTÁLÓ

Supported by EIT Food



## COMPOT

*Indoor composting for a conscious household*

COMPOT has ingeniously crafted a plastic-free ceramic composter, allowing urban residents to reduce food waste. No worms, electricity or other additives are needed, as COMPOT's microbial culture mix and composing activator decompose organic household matter without hassle.

As a woman-led business, COMPOT participated in the 2022 Empowering Women in Agrifood programme of EIT Food. This dynamic programme provided the company with transformative training, mentoring, business coaching and network opportunities.

Over the 6 action-packed months, COMPOT dived into mentoring sessions and masterclasses, fostering bonds with industry experts and fellow women innovators of the agri-food sector. The one-on-one mentoring empowered COMPOT's founder to hone her pitching skills and articulate the value and utility of her product persuasively.

In a resounding triumph, COMPOT was selected as the first prize winner of the EIT Food EWA awards for Hungary, securing funding of EUR 10 000 that the start-up will invest in further expansion.

*[EIT offered] Mentoring helped me to speak about COMPOT in a clear and convincing way. Winning the prize will make it possible to reach much more households and convince them about indoor city composting.*

Tünde Udvarnoki, Co-owner of  
COMPOT



Awards

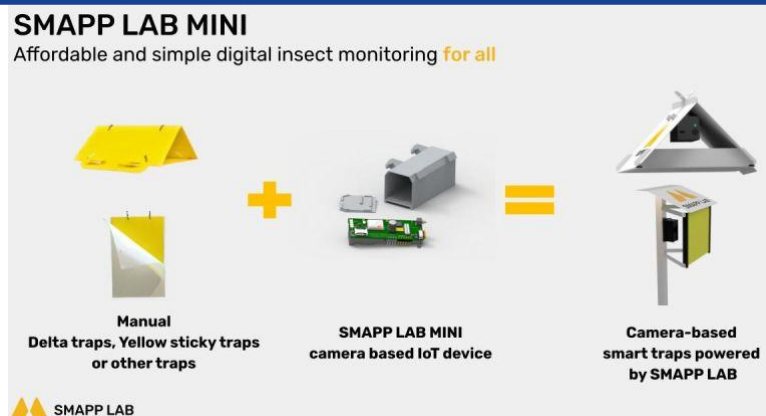
1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner of the 2022  
EIT Food EWA for Hungary

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



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## SMAPPLAB

### *Innovation for affordable pest monitoring*

**SMAPPLAB's** goal is to provide accurate predictions about the pest population, supporting farmers with the world's first affordable, automated insect monitoring technology.

The start-up's entrepreneurial journey with the EIT started at the EIT Food Hungarian Demo Day Innovation Prizes in 2020, where the founders won first place and the audience award. These victories, with prizes of EUR 5000 and EUR 2000 respectively, marked the beginning of their story and propelled the whole team to new levels.

Two years later SMAPPLAB applied for the EIT Food Test Farms programme and received EUR 3000 and the opportunity to test its solution in Poland.

The same year, at the EIT Food Test Farms Demo Day, the start-up pitched its innovation to several potential investors and customers from the EIT Food ecosystem. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounts to 10.000 Euros.

In 2023, the start-up joined the Sales Booster programme, EIT Food's custom-made initiative, which will provide SMAPPLAB with training, coaching, expert guidance, and access to a vast network of partners over four transformative months.

By the end of 2023, SWAPP LAB will have a comprehensive internationalisation plan for a chosen country, enabling them to expand to new markets.

*We participat[ed] in EIT Food RIS Innovation Prizes 2020, won the first place and audience awards. **It was the beginning of our journey and boosted our whole team.** [...] We then joined EIT Food Test Farms [and had the] excellent opportunity to test our solution in Poland. In 2022 we present[ed] at EIT Food Test Farms Demo Day. In 2023 we plan to apply to EIT Food RisingFoodStars. **It is a great programme to secure co-investors to our next round investment.***

Donat POSTA, CEO & Co-founder of  
SMAPP LAB

Awards	Winner of EBRD AgVenture Start-up Competition 2023
	Selected as one of Forbes Hungary 30 under 30

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# EIT COMMUNITY IN IRELAND

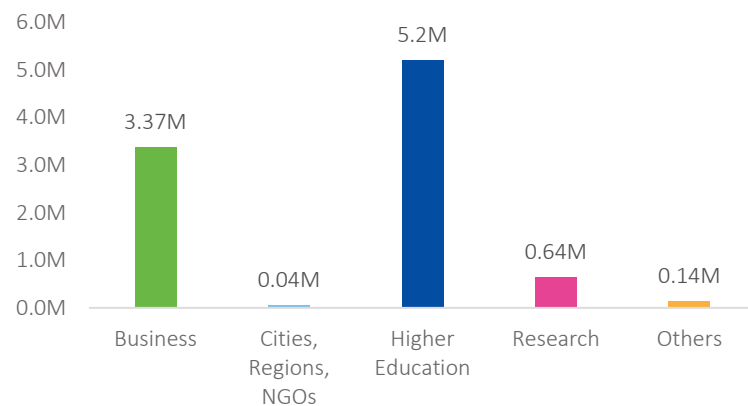
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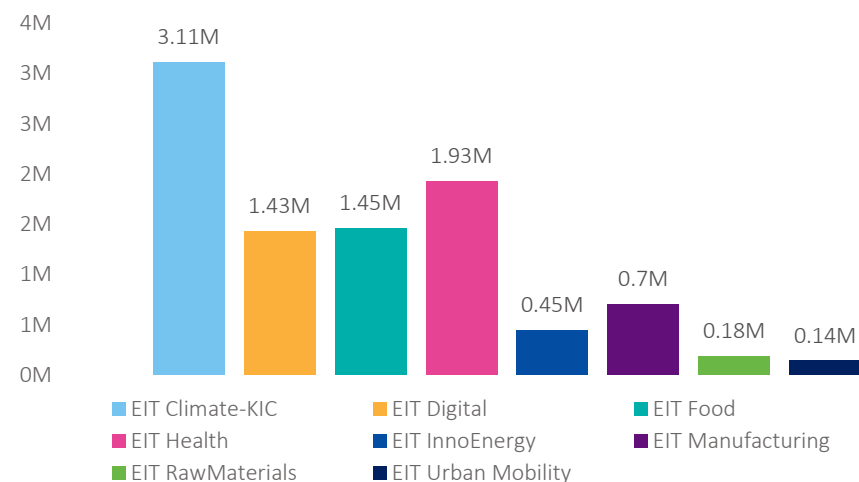
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

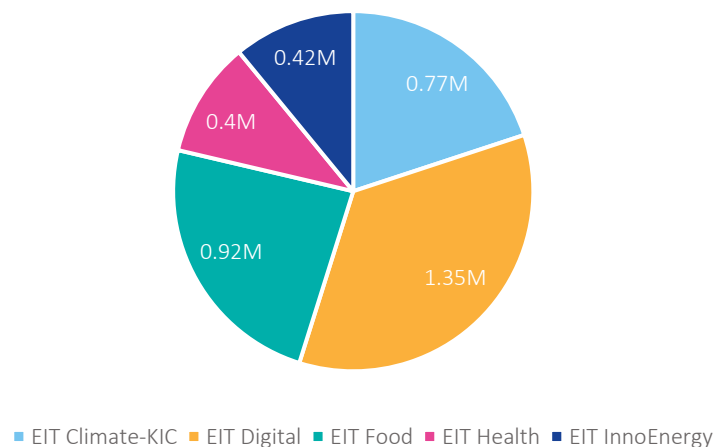


Ireland received a total of **EUR 9.39 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1.79 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Irish organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 5.2 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 3.87 million to support Irish SMEs, mainly under EIT Digital, EIT Food and EIT Climate-KIC.

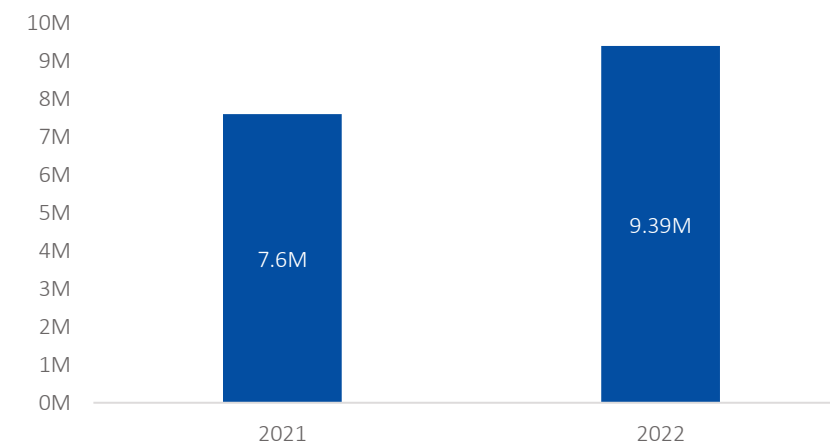
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EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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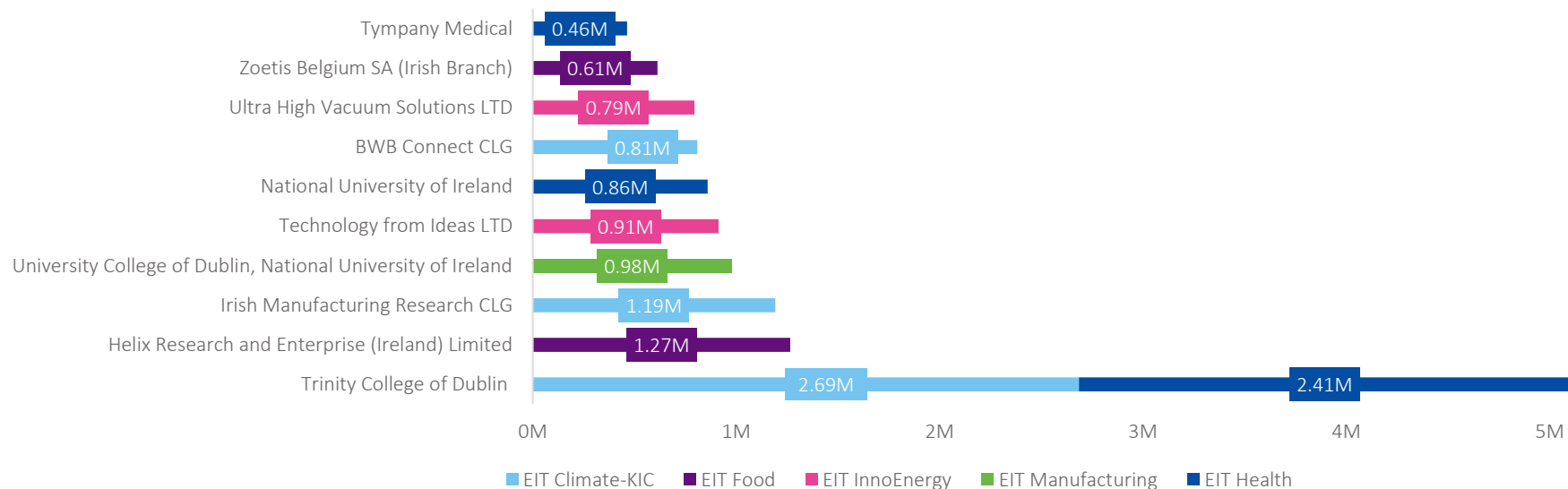
# EIT COMMUNITY IN IRELAND



## In 2021-22:

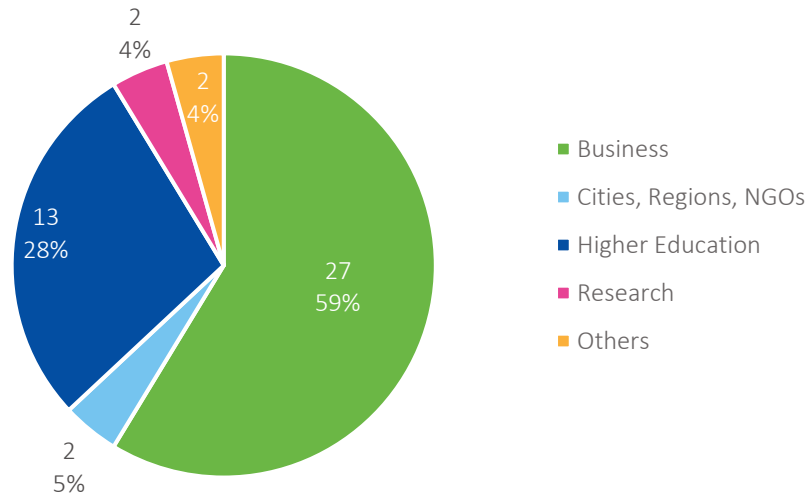
- 121 Irish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 42 Irish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 18.24 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Ireland.
- 15 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 6 Irish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 6 Irish graduates, 5 are men and 1 is woman.
- 1620 Irish participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



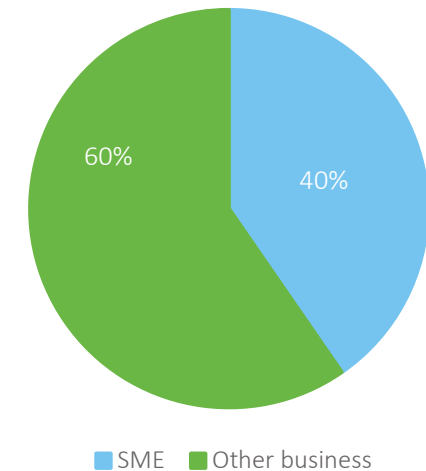
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Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

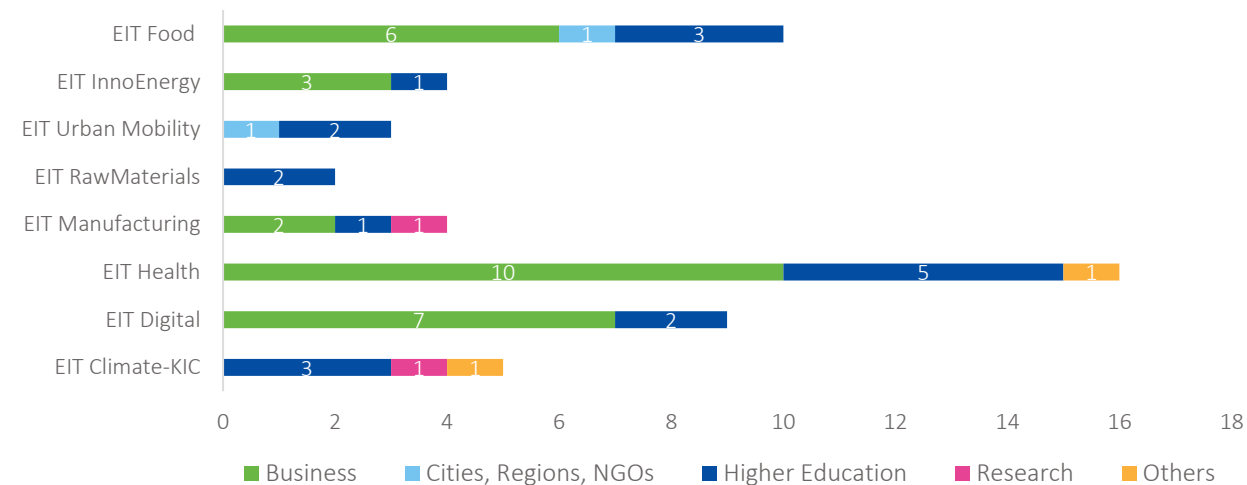


46 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Ireland participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 40% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC



## GS Renewable – Decarbonising heating systems

GS Renewable is an award-winning company empowering heat-intensive businesses to reduce costs and lower their carbon footprint. Their revolutionary “plug and play” modular heat pump solution is 100% carbon neutral and slashes operational expenses by a staggering 80%.

GS Renewable participated in the 2022 Circular Cities & Built Environment ClimAccelerator of EIT Climate-KIC. The programme has enabled the venture to tune up its value proposition and strategically define its target market. The team has benefited from the wealth of expertise in the EIT community through sessions with advisors and program mentors.



Thanks to exchanges with innovators, potential investors and industry giants, the company’s journey was filled with insightful learning, propelling GS Renewable toward further growth and over EUR 500 000 in sales. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 24 500.

We decided to join the EIT community after hearing about the Climaccelerator program through Tangent at Trinity College Dublin. We have found the expert advice and knowledge of our mentors to be priceless alongside the opportunity to expand our network and interact with other likeminded innovators and entrepreneurs.

Erik Vaughan, co-founder of GS Renewable

Numbers of employees	7 (2 additions since they started working with EIT)
Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Best New Heat Pump Product at the UK National Heat Pump Awards in 2022</li><li>• 18 industry awards in recent years</li></ul>

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

## Wellola – The future of patient communication

Wellola is an adaptable patient communications platform for hospital and clinic systems to give patients access to healthcare information. The patient-facing portal reduces correspondence and no-show costs and future-proofs healthcare providers with secure infrastructure to offer telecare.

EIT Health has supported Wellola from the start. In 2019, the Dublin-based team participated in EIT Health's Digital Validator accelerator. It also joined EIT Health's Bridgehead programme in 2021, where it received support to expand its presence to new European markets.

The same year, Wellola's founder joined EIT Health's Women Entrepreneurship Bootcamp, which connected the venture to an empowering European network of investors and mentors.



As part of the EIT Health ecosystem, Wellola has received exciting opportunities to participate in key industry events. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 11 500.

Today, Wellola is one of Europe's leading patient-facing platforms. It has raised over EUR 1.2 million since its start, and its application is employed by more than 750 health organisations in Ireland and the UK.

We're really passionate about providing healthcare providers with the tools to deliver professional healthcare anywhere. Online consultation systems in both the public and private sector would assist in maximising available resources, retaining or re-engaging talented staff, facilitate triaging of waiting lists and increasing reach to remote, underserved areas.

Sonia Neary, CEO, Wellola

Awards

Irish Medical and Surgical  
Trade Association:  
'Integrated Care Award'  
(2019)

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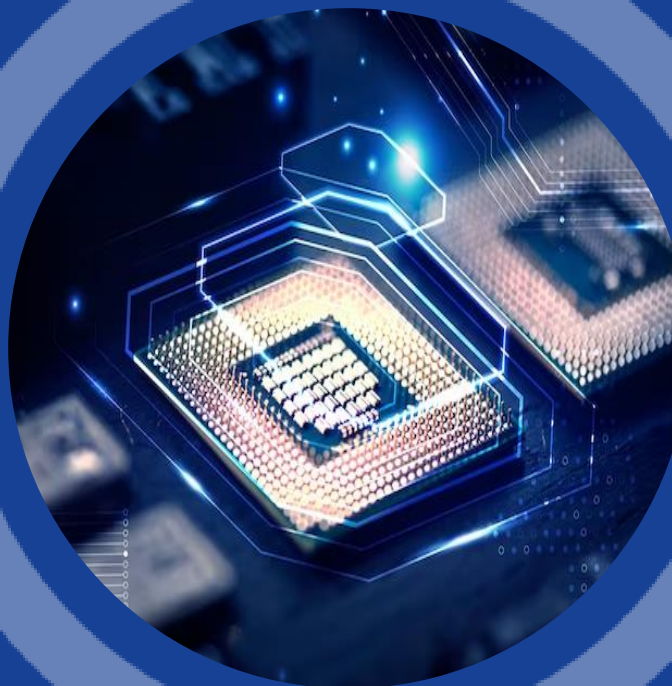
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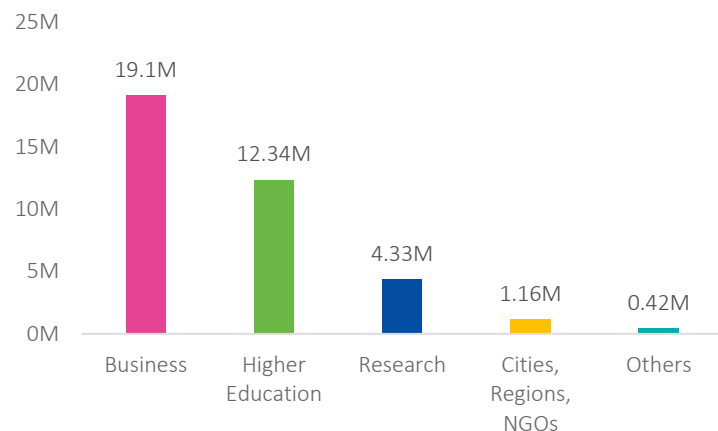
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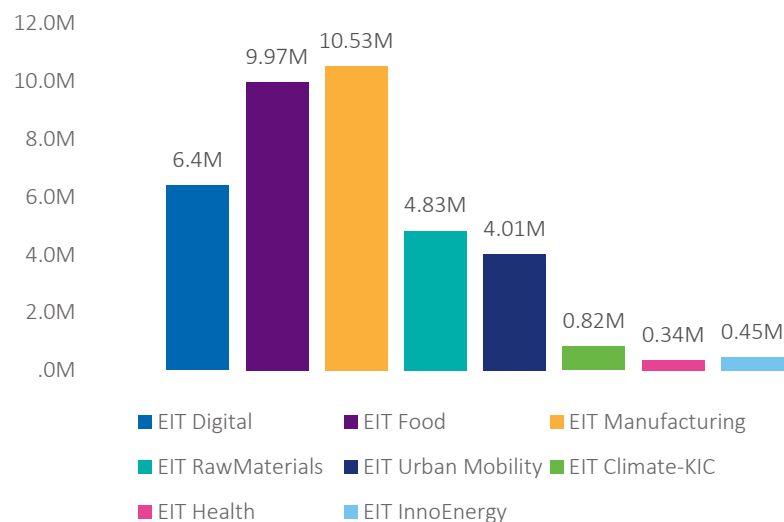
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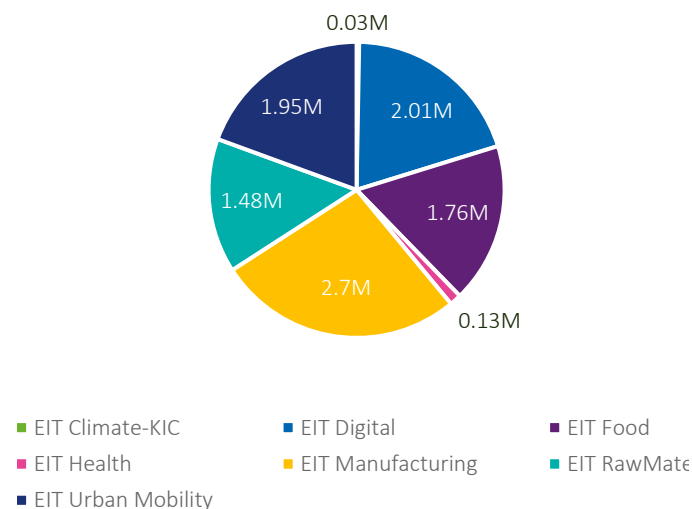


Italy received a total of **EUR 37.35 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 10 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Italian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (19.1 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included over EUR 10 million to support Italian SMEs, with EIT Manufacturing being the largest contributor.

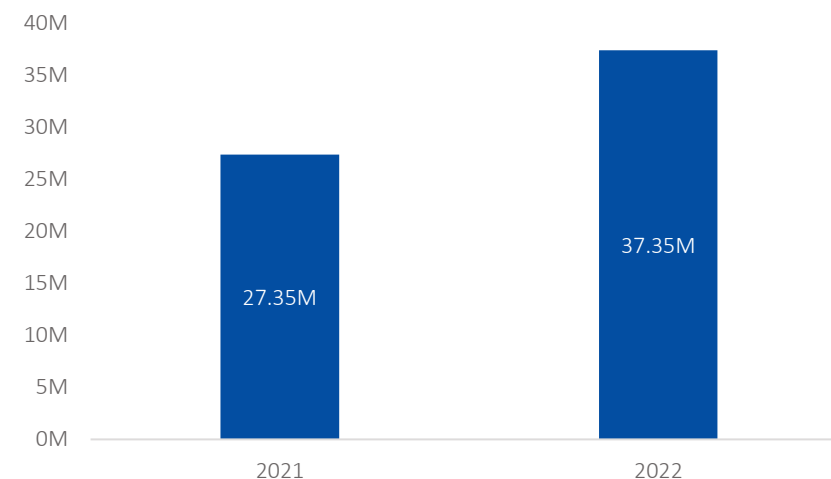
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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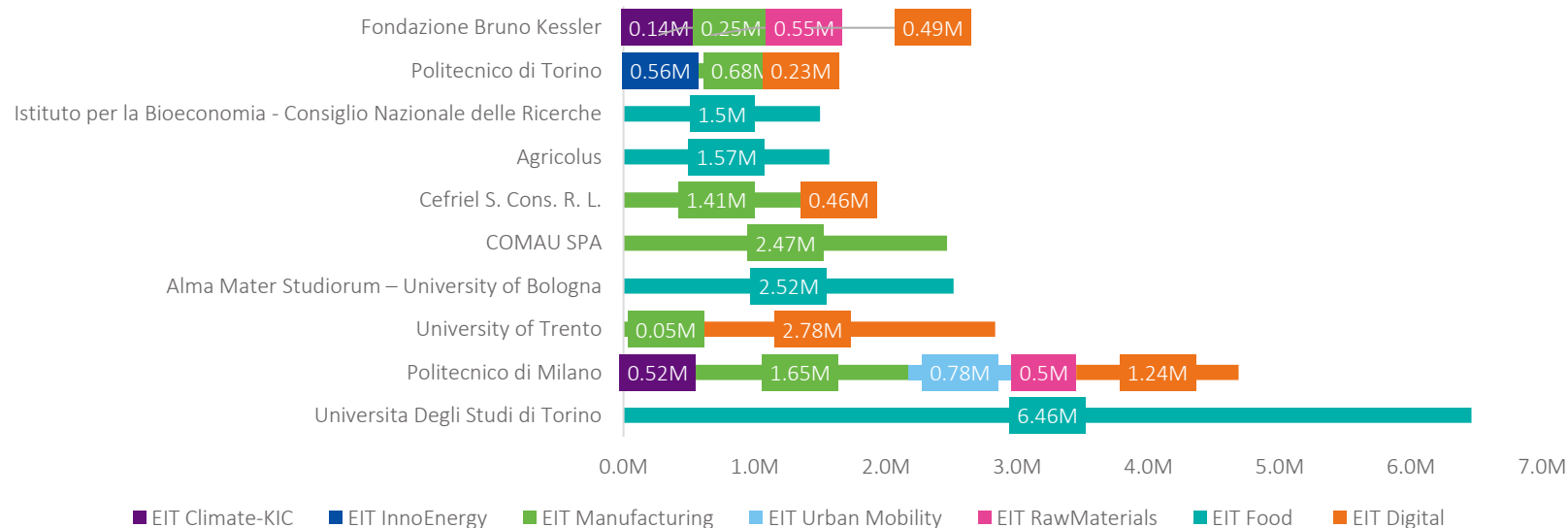
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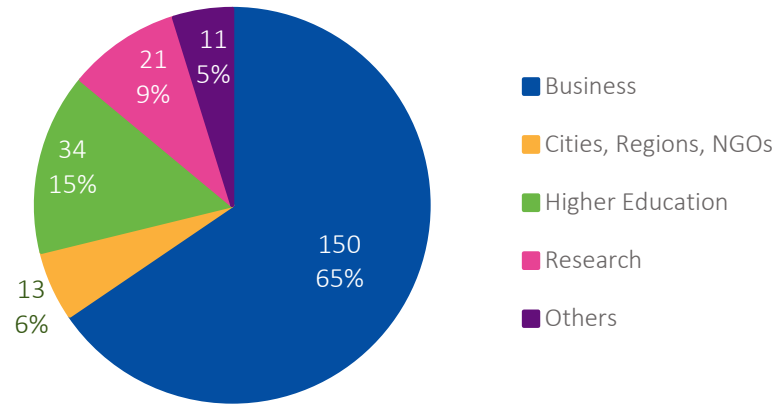
- 225 Italian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 34 Italian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 32,58 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Italy.
- 57 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 261 Italian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 261 Italian graduates, 176 are men and 85 are women.
- 10.399 Italian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



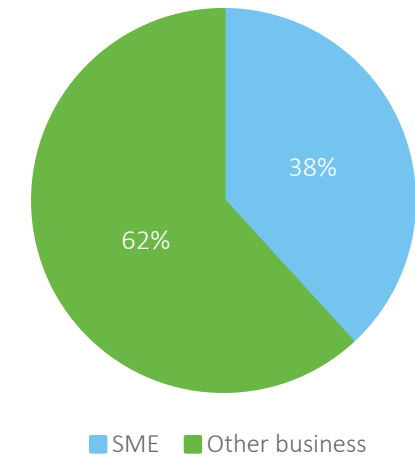
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Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

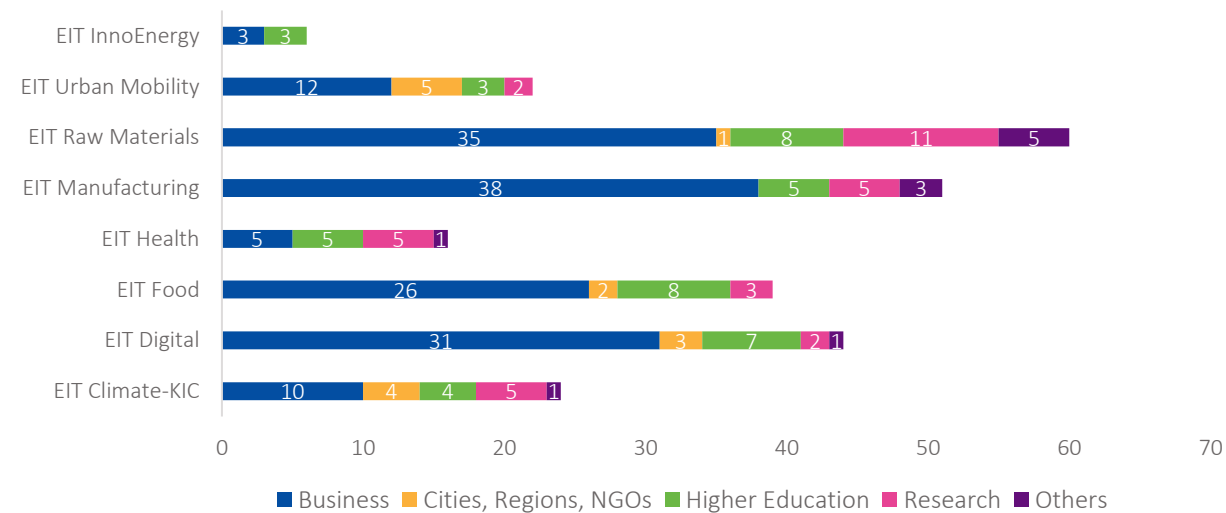


229 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Italy participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Close to 40% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Manufacturing

**SanChip - Elevating predictive maintenance for resource efficiency**

SanChip's mission is to make predictive maintenance smarter by developing lubricant and other asset-monitoring devices that do not need to rely on operators. The benefits are multi-fold: less downtime, reduced operational costs due to real-time monitoring, longer lubricant lifecycle and optimised environmental impact.

The CTO of the start-up, Denise Pezzuoli presented its solution at the EIT-funded RIS LEADERS – Women Innovators in Manufacturing competition, which recognises solutions to manufacturing-related challenges with strong environmental or socio-economic impact.



As a participant, SanChip's representative received three days of pitch training and had the chance to pitch its solution to an international audience at the EIT Manufacturing Summit Days 2022.

Denise convinced the jury of the step-change potential of SanChip's solution and won the second prize of EUR 7 500. With the help of EIT's financial support, SanChip can further develop and invest in its innovation.

*It is an honour to have taken part in this event, and I am very proud of the result achieved. Thanks to EIT Manufacturing for the award and highlighting women's contribution to innovation and entrepreneurship. I hope I can be an example for all the other women who want to revolutionise this sector!*

**Denise Pezzuoli**, winner of the 2nd place at the 2022 RIS LEADERS competition



**From academia to entrepreneurship**

*Read the interview with*

**DENISE PEZZUOLI**

*2nd place winner of LEADERS 2022 – Women Innovators in Manufacturing at EIT RIS*



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



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## StrigoLab – Making Sustainable Farming Happen

**StrigoLab's** pioneering BIOSUVEG biostimulant offers a more sustainable approach to agricultural production by increasing farmers' profitability and reducing the use of water and fertilizers.

With the help of the 2021-22 Innovation Call of EIT Food, StrigoLab embarked on a collaboration with an EIT Food partner, the University of Turin, to form a consortium with industry and research partners and validate the effectiveness of the formulated biostimulant through joint research and field testing that can speed up the commercialization process.

In addition to the funding of EUR 258 525 offered, EIT Food helped the team navigate the challenges caused by COVID-19. It also supported the re-adjustment of the project plan after the dropout of two consortium partners.

The BIOSUVEG project showcases how the expertise and funding offered by the EIT Innovation Communities fuel deep tech innovation through the EIT knowledge triangle model, uniting the best of Europe's industrial, academic and research institutions.



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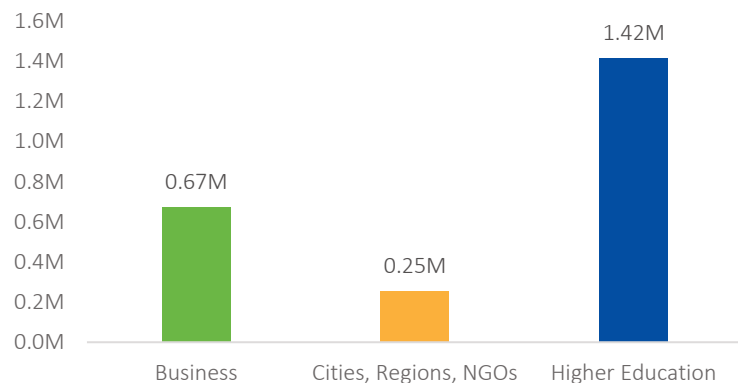
# EIT COMMUNITY IN LATVIA

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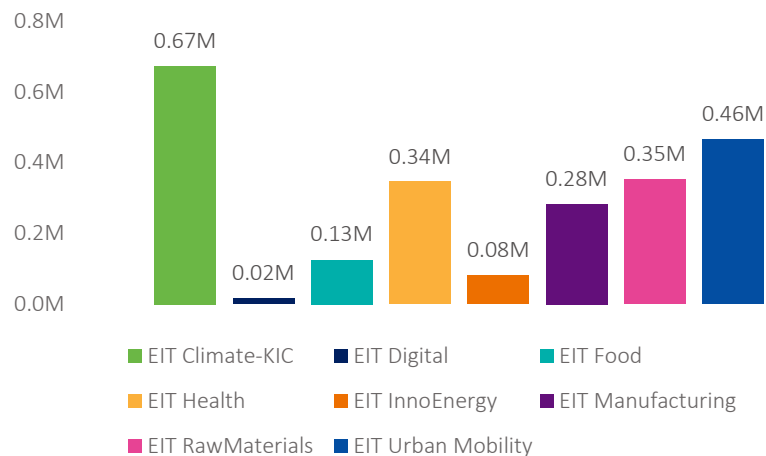
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EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

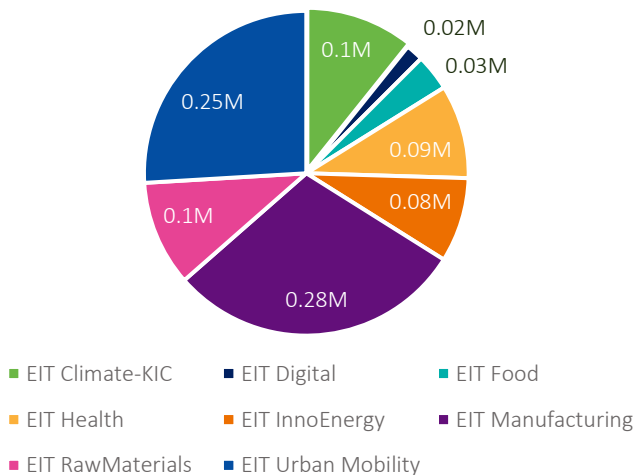


Latvia received a total of **EUR 2.34 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.77 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Latvian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.42 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.96 million to support Latvian SMEs, mainly under EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility.

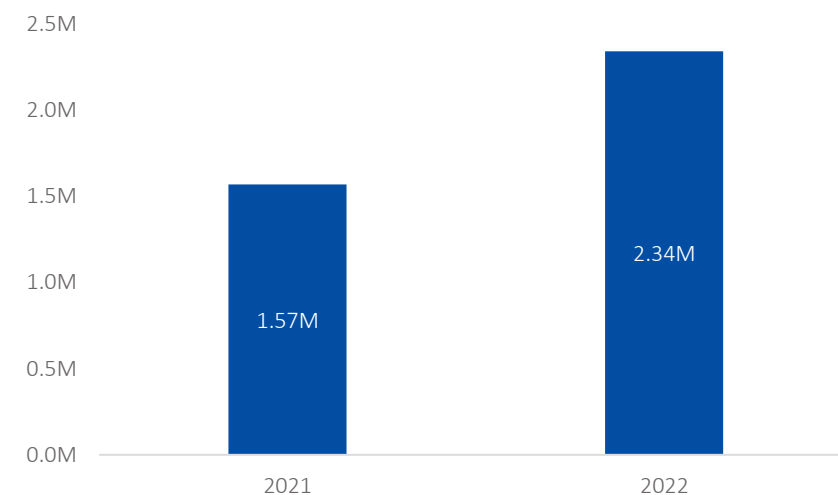
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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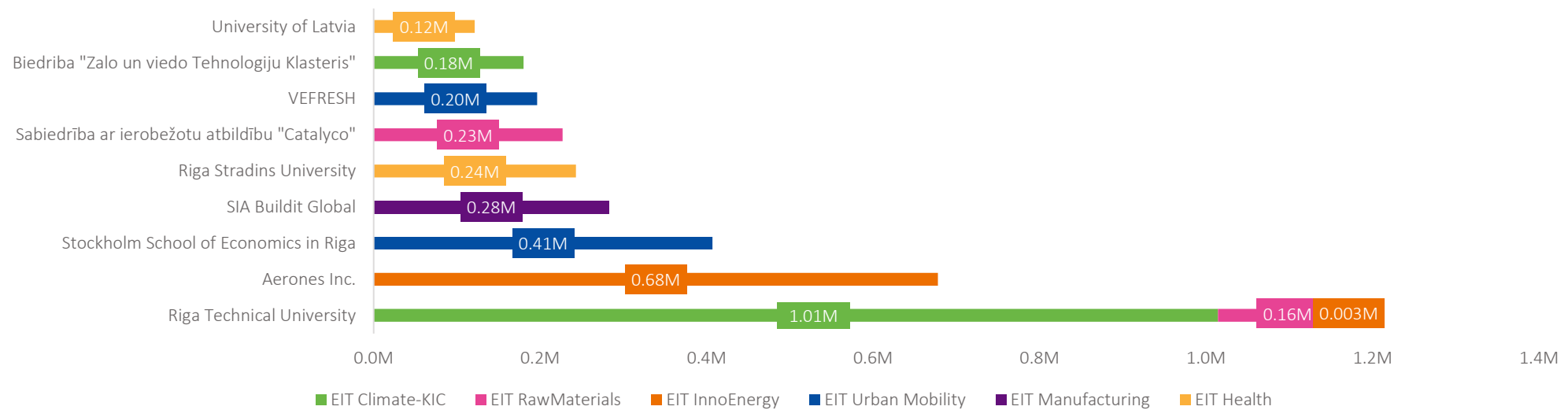
# EIT COMMUNITY IN LATVIA



## In 2021-22:

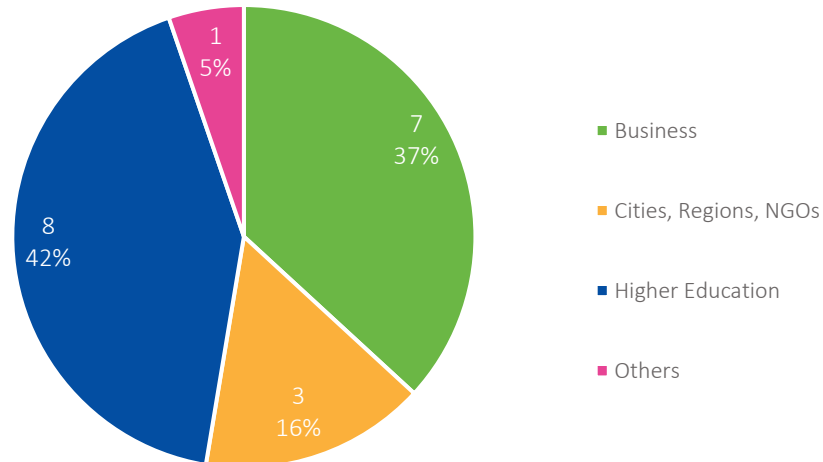
- 117 Latvian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 18 start-ups were created with the support of the EIT in Latvia.
- 48 Latvian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 1.29 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Latvia.
- 11 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 1270+ Latvian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



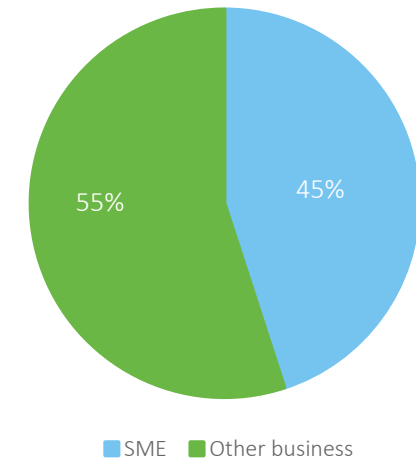
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

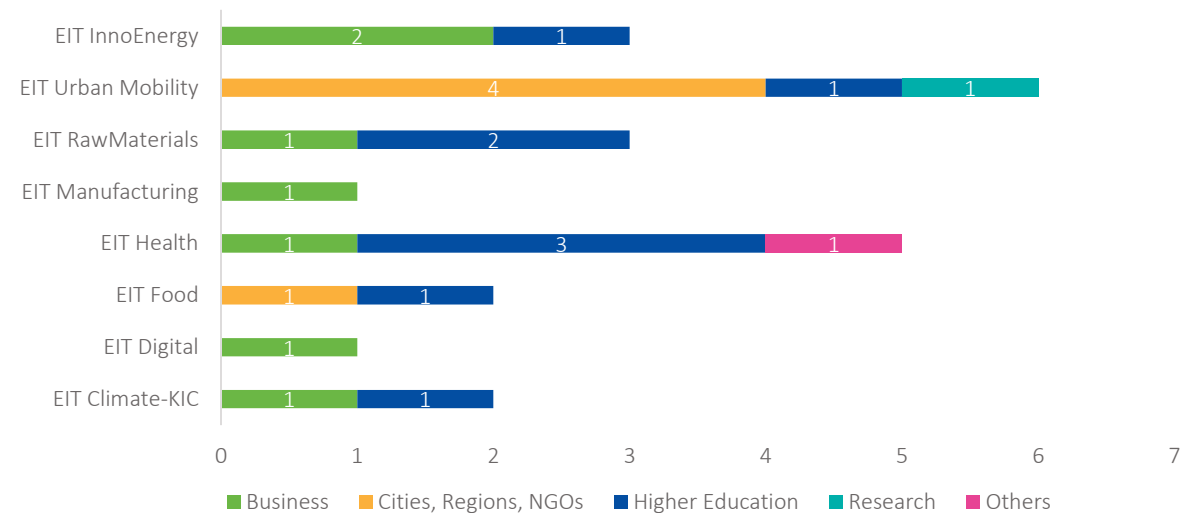


19 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Latvia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being higher education institutions. 45% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## fermentful

Supported by EIT Food



Fermentful

*Plant-powered innovation for a healthy diet*

Harnessing the nutritional benefits of locally sourced buckwheat and fermentation, Fermentful pioneers 100% plant-based fermented beverages produced with zero waste.

In 2022, the start-up has been selected from over 500 applicants by the EIT Food Acceleration Network to pilot their technology and launch their product. EIT Food's Acceleration Network (EIT FAN) connected Fermentful with invaluable industry players, investors and resources, helping the team optimise its approach to the Finnish market and facilitate its market entry.



Thanks to EIT's support, Fermentful seized prime opportunities such as the Knights Of Nordics 2022 investor event and also had the chance to start pilot projects with corporations and scientific partners.

With an additional EUR 10 000 grant from EIT Baltics & Slovakia ClimAccelerator, Fermentful succeeded in launching a new line of flavoured products in 2022.

Fermentful's journey exemplifies how the EIT Community helps bring business ideas to the market through tailor-made support and by offering access to Europe's largest innovation ecosystem.

"Getting into the EIT FAN Helsinki Hub was Fermentful's aim from the very beginning. We see the EIT FAN programme as an amazing opportunity to create new strategic partnerships, explore the Finnish market and continue the product R&D process. The application process as such was very well structured in two levels – an online application and then a hub interview as well as a technology deep-dive session.

Moreover, I appreciated the fast communication and supportive attitude from the people behind the EIT FAN programme."

Anda Penka, Fermentful CEO



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## GRIKSi

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GRIKSi

*Three ingredients for a healthy and sustainable snack*

GRIKSi is on a mission to make snacking healthy with its innovative and organic sprouted buckwheat bar, produced with only three ingredients and without added sugar.

In 2022, GRIKSi participated in the Empowering Women in Agrifood programme of EIT Food, where the founder had the chance to develop a comprehensive business and product development plan together with 110 other talented female entrepreneurs.

The mentorship offered through the EWA programme allowed the founder to enhance her knowledge in sustainability and by doing so, she could also enrich her product line. The one-on-one coaching sessions prepared GRIKSi for international exhibitions and other networking opportunities.



"It was a great experience for me to develop my products for export. Thanks to the EWA programme I was very motivated and excited, and it helped me to succeed (...). I've developed 4 new products and expanded my export in the Baltic states and Scandinavia."

Julija Danilina, CEO & Founder of GRIKSi



Securing the first place at the EWA competition, the start-up received EUR 10 000. Thanks to the training provided by the programme, GRIKSi developed 4 new products and expanded its market reach to the Baltic markets and Scandinavia.



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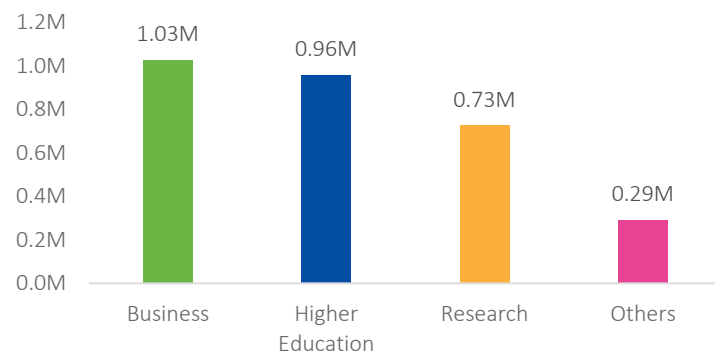
# EIT COMMUNITY IN LITHUANIA

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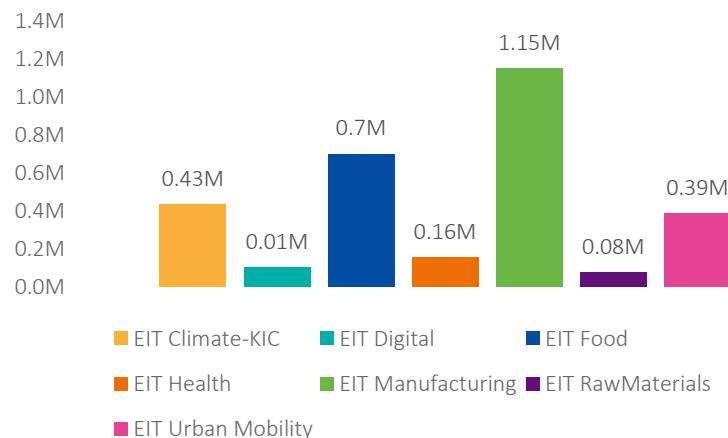
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

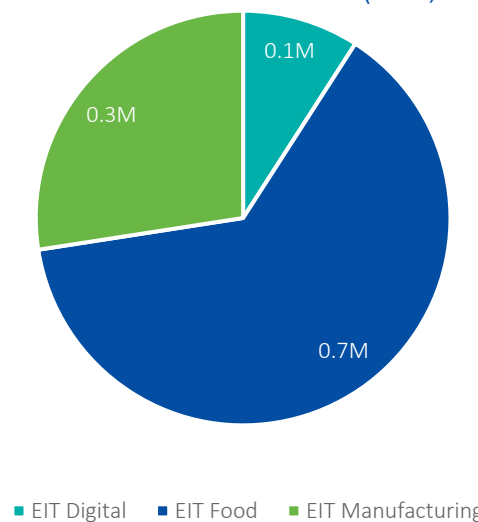


Lithuania received a total of **EUR 3.01 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1.34 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Lithuanian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.03 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 1.1 million to support Lithuanian SMEs, mainly under EIT Food.

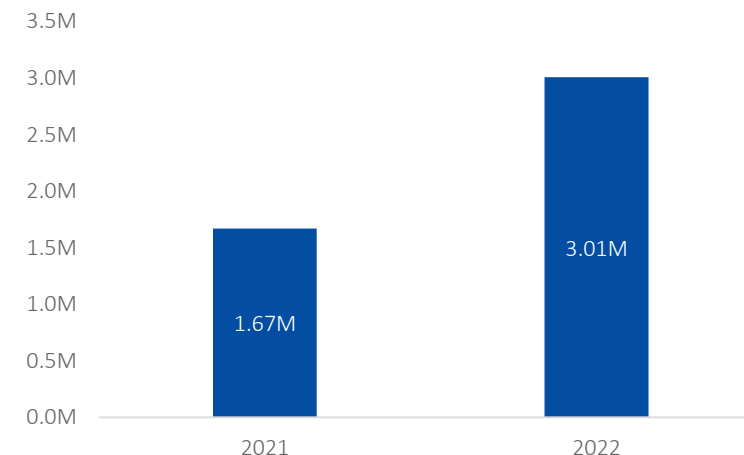
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EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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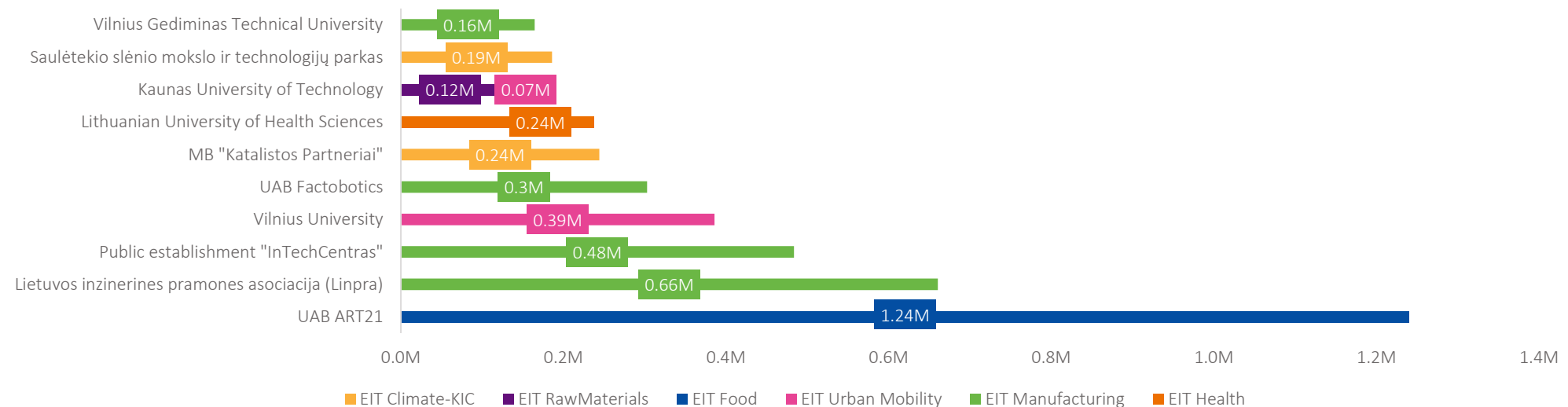
# EIT COMMUNITY IN LITHUANIA



## In 2021-22:

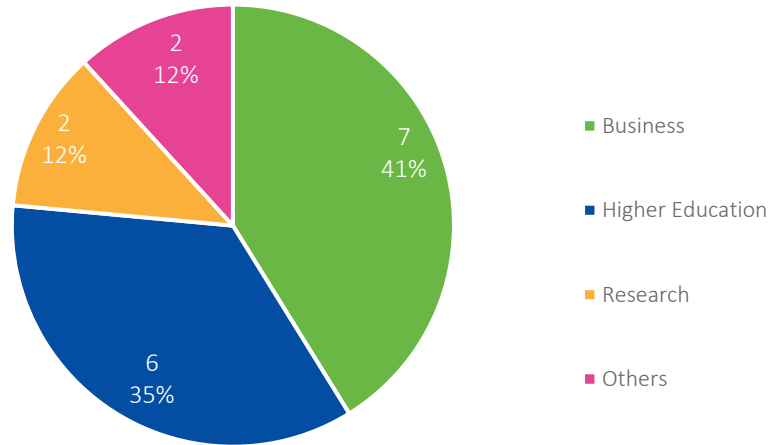
- 93 Lithuanian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 50 Lithuanian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 1.82 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Lithuania.
- 12 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 1600+ Lithuanian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

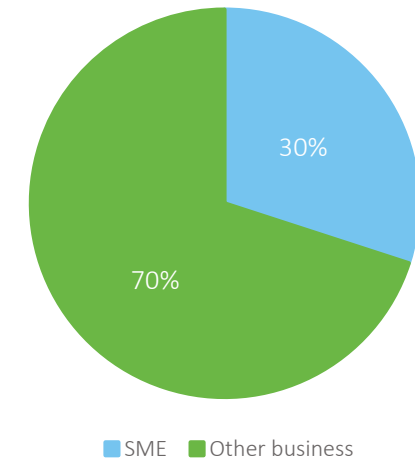


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

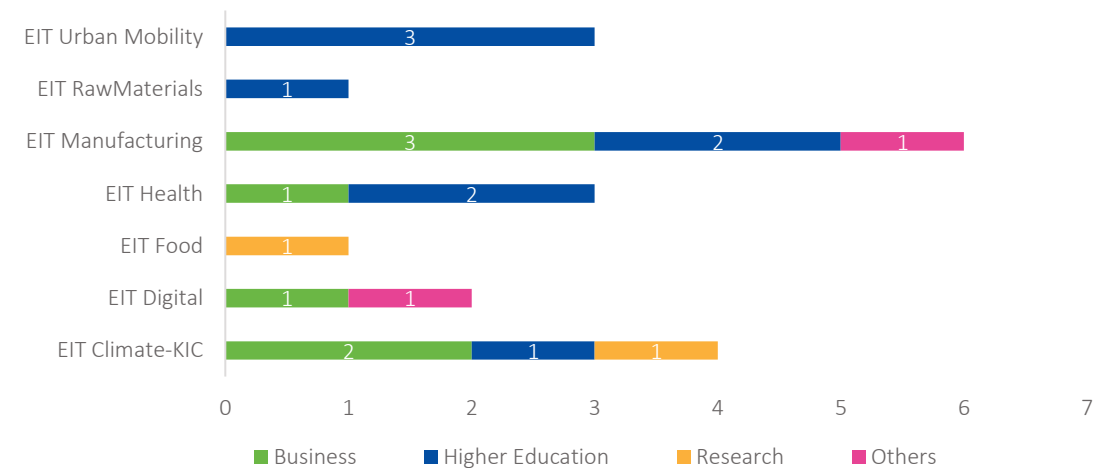


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



17 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Lithuania participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food



**Garlic Moon**  
*Pioneering black garlic products*

Garlic Moon aims to become the national leader in producing black garlic, an increasingly popular superfood and culinary delicacy, obtained through long-term maturation and fermentation.

In 2022, the start-up participated in the Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) initiative, EIT Food's pioneering six-month programme for women agro-entrepreneurs from countries that have modest to moderate innovation capacity as per the European Innovation Scoreboard (Estonia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Romania and Ukraine).



Through the training and mentorship offered by EWA, Garlic Moon launched its website, digitalized its purchase processes, established a remote equipment monitoring system and designed new packaging.

The start-up clinched the first prize in the EWA finals and received a grant of EUR 10 000 that it could invest in the further development of the company. EIT Food's tailored support for the company fostered the development of 8 new products and helped the team double its sales figures.



"It was one of the best projects of my life. What I planned to do in a good year, with EWA was achieved in 5 months. During the project period, we expanded sales channels from 7 to 17, increased the number of products from 1 to 9. EWA was a breakthrough for Lithuanian black garlic in Lithuania."

Dovilė Ilevičienė, Founder of Garlic Moon



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

**Ligence**

*Improving diagnostics of cardiac ultrasounds*

Ligence Heart is an AI-driven software that employs deep learning to analyse cardiac ultrasound images, resulting in quicker and more accurate diagnosis.

Ligence serves as a prime example of how the EIT's network and expertise help innovators forge a path to success. The team started as rookies in the EIT Jumpstarter accelerator in 2019, finishing second in the Health category. As a result, Ligence decided to set up its company and continue its journey with EIT Health.



A year later, Ligence won EIT Health's InnoStars Awards. EIT Health introduced Ligence to various regulatory bodies and industry experts from major European innovation hubs, expanding the company's network of potential partners for production and testing.

Thanks to EIT Health's unwavering support, Ligence could turn its innovation into a growing business, and the company went on to raise EUR 2.5 million from the European Innovation Council. In 2022, the product received the certification needed for medical devices, and the start-up could enter new markets.

"Thanks to the received funding, our company can solve the problems of assessing the heart damage of COVID-19 patients more quickly and allocate more human resources to this project. The funding will allow the costs associated with the development of R&D to be paid for."

Justin Balčiūnas, Operations Manager



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# EIT COMMUNITY IN LUXEMBOURG

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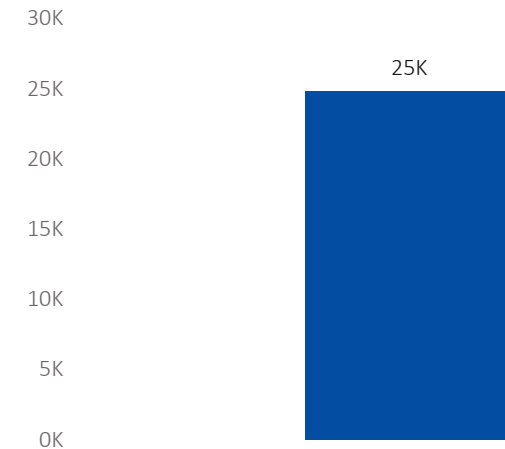


# EIT GRANTS 2022

Luxembourg received a total of **EUR 25 000** in EIT grants in 2022.\* It was directed to Luxembourg-based organisations via one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community, **EIT Health**.

The whole amount was dedicated to **higher education** related activities under EIT Health, with University of Luxembourg being the recipient (on behalf of Luxembourg Center for Systems Biomedicine). Luxembourg received no funding in 2021.

Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR, 2022)



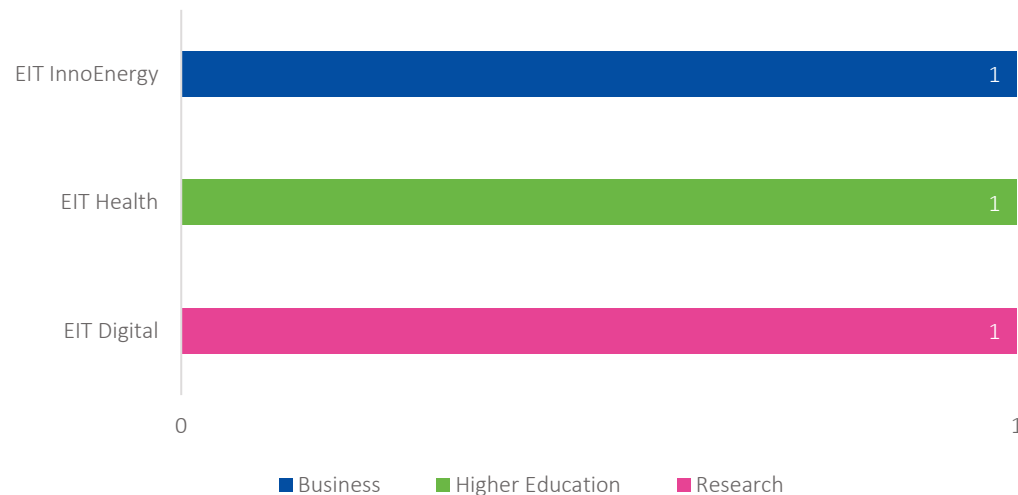
# EIT COMMUNITY IN LUXEMBOURG



## In 2021-22:

- 2 Luxembourg-based start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- EUR 3.05 million of investment attracted by the start-ups supported by EIT KICs.
- 3 residents in Luxembourg graduated from EIT Label Master programmes.
- 36 participants from Luxembourg joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



- 3 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Luxembourg participate in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\*
- They represent three areas of operation.
- None of them are SMEs.



# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

**Circu Li-ion**  
*Upcycling batteries for e-vehicles*

Luxemburg-based Circu Li-ion is a battery upcycling start-up that offers an innovative, green solution to meet the rising European demand for lithium batteries.

Circu Li-ion's battery dismantling solution recovers up to 90% of the battery cells for the second-life application. By maximizing the value of each lithium-ion cell, the start-up reduces the need for new battery production. The upcycling process slashes CO2 emissions by 48% compared to traditional battery life cycles, offering an eco-friendly alternative to lithium battery manufacturing.



Recognizing the immense potential of Circu Li-ion's innovative technology, EIT Urban Mobility invested in the start-up in 2022, and it has offered the power of its network as well as visibility and exposure to the team at international events. By funding mobility solutions with transformative power, EIT Urban Mobility helps accelerate innovation needed to reach climate neutrality.



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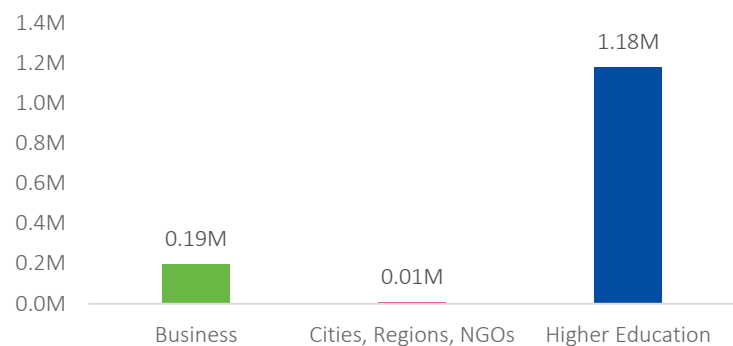
# EIT COMMUNITY IN MALTA

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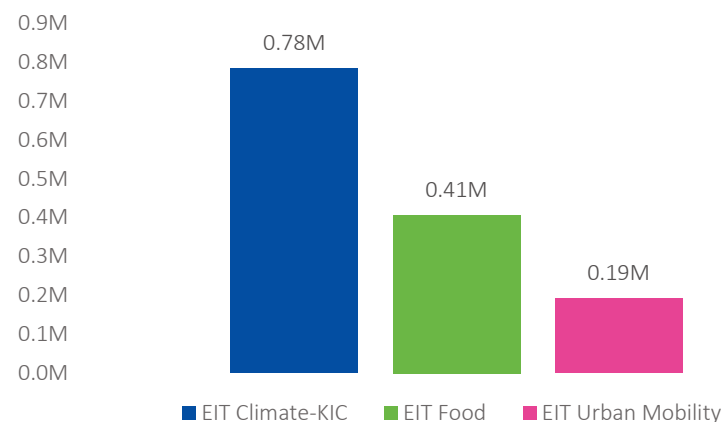
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)



Malta received a total of **EUR 1.38 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.74 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Maltese organisations via three EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 1.18 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.19 million to support Maltese SMEs under EIT Food.

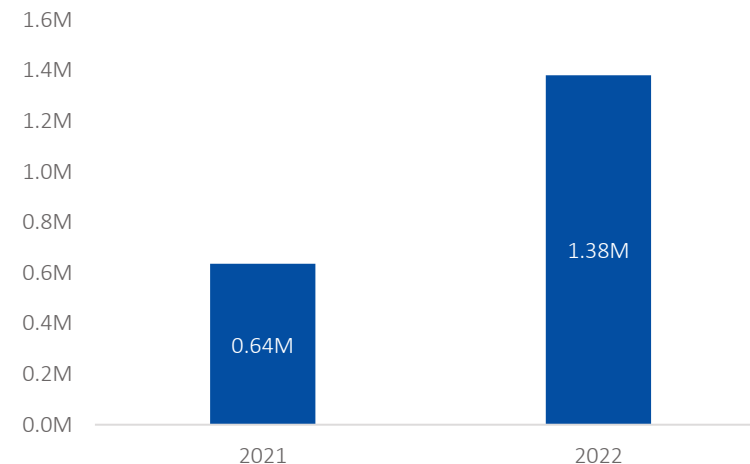
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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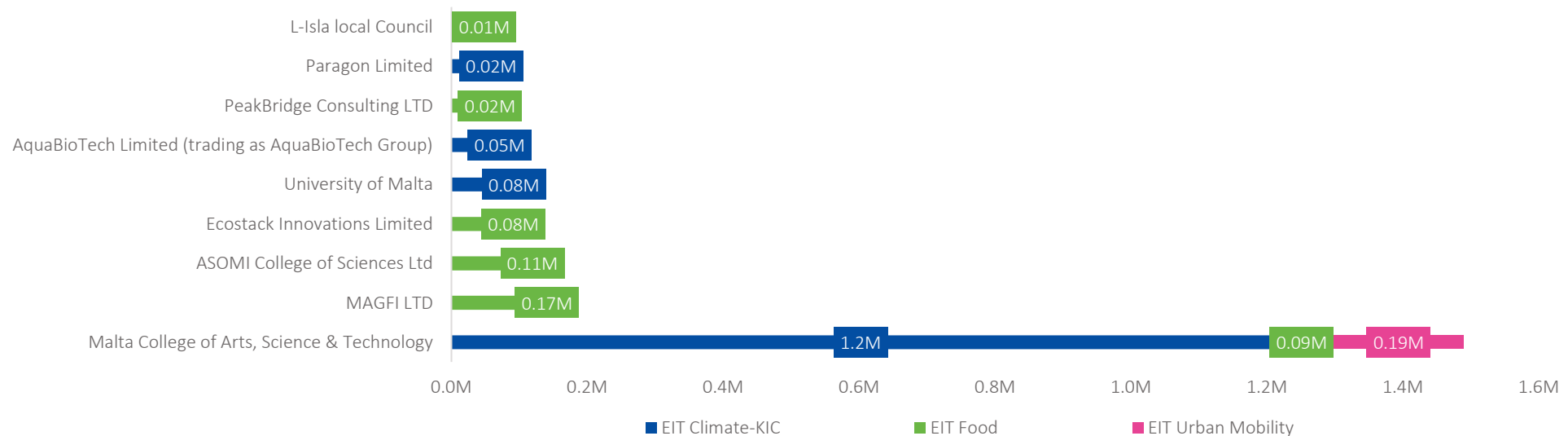
# EIT COMMUNITY IN MALTA



## In 2021-22:

- 23 Maltese start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 10 women entrepreneurs from Malta received support from the EIT.
- 1 EIT-supported innovation was launched on the market.
- 170+ Maltese participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

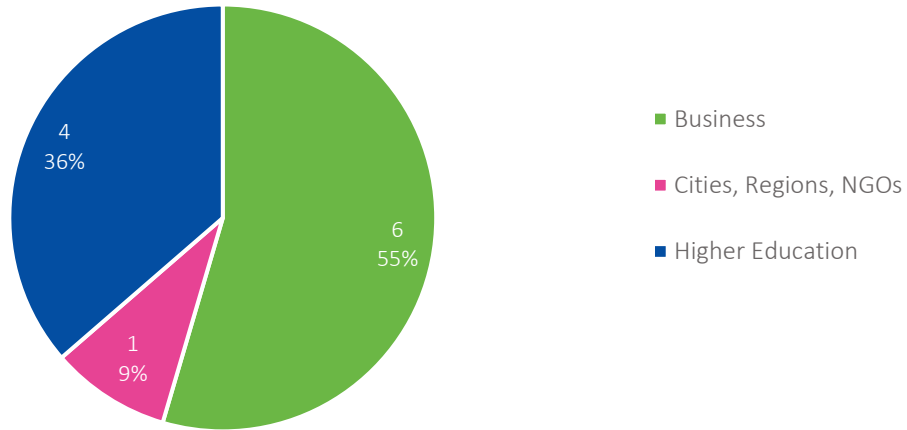
## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)





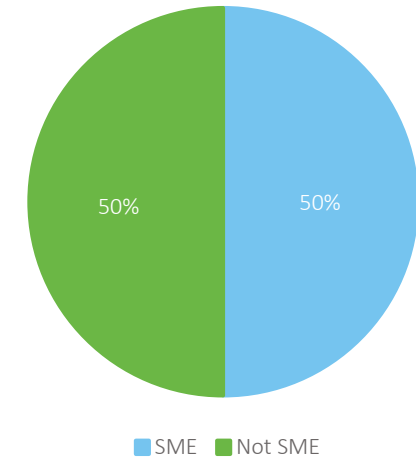
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area  
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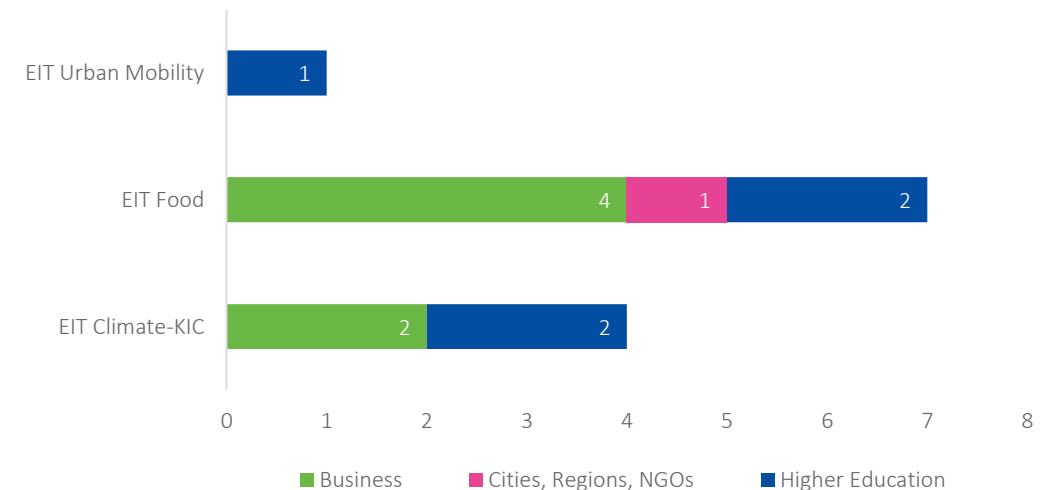


11 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Malta participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent three areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Half of them are SMEs. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)

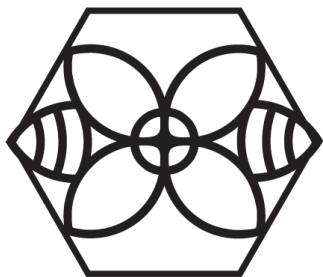


Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC

**Frank Wrap**

*Fighting plastic waste with EIT Climate-KIC*

In 2019, Adriana Frank's vision to fight plastic waste blossomed into a successful business venture. Her innovative company sells 'Frank Wraps', reusable food wraps made of locally sourced beeswax. The company's solution is a natural and sustainable alternative to single-use plastic cling film for storing food.

The company received an initial boost from EIT Climate-KIC as Frank Wrap participated in the 2021 MED ClimAccelerator programme, an initiative that provides tailored support and training to start-ups in Portugal, Cyprus and Malta. The EIT Climate-KIC-led programme provided Frank Wrap with state-of-the-art coaching and online training, as well as access to financial support and networking opportunities.



Since then, Frank Wrap has gone above and beyond to win customers' trust and hearts, increasing the brand line with new beeswax products and clinching various awards that recognized the successful business model built by Adriana Frank.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



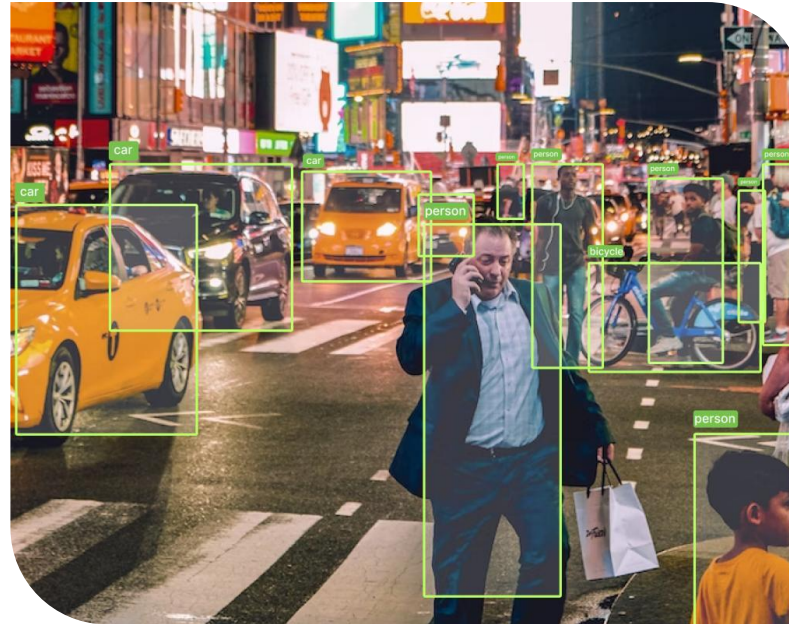
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**Greenroads**

*Livable cities through AI and big data analytics*

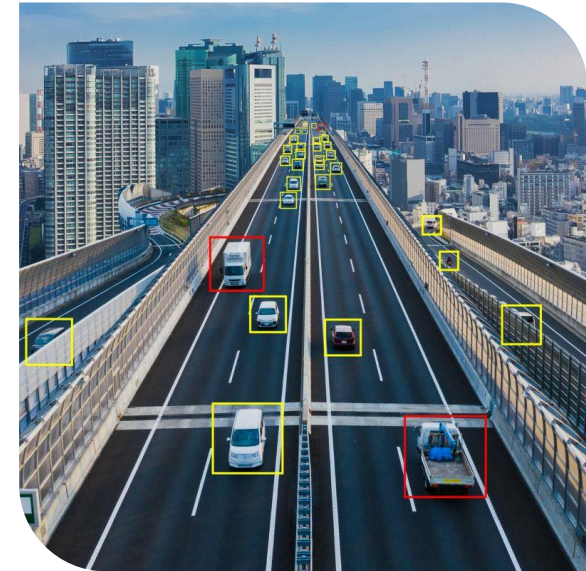
Greenroads is a start-up harnessing the power of AI and big data analytics to create livable urban environments. The company empowers urban planners with the insights to make informed decisions when optimising transport networks by leveraging computer vision and data analysis.

Greenroads' journey with the EIT began with EIT Climate-KIC's RIS Accelerator, a program on the lookout for scalable green tech innovations from countries with low or moderate innovation capacity. As a participant, the team benefited from coaching, pitch training and immersive workshop sessions and could tap into EIT Climate-KIC's Europe-wide network.



Empowered by the knowledge gained, GreenRoads ventured into R&D within the transport sector, focusing on the shift towards green and active mobility modes

In 2022, Greenroads secured a spot in the EIT Community's Rocket Up initiative, a global expansion programme for women-led companies. This experience furnished the team with invaluable business insights through tailored training and face-to-face introductions to potential partners, charting the start-up's path to international expansion.



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# EIT COMMUNITY IN NETHERLANDS

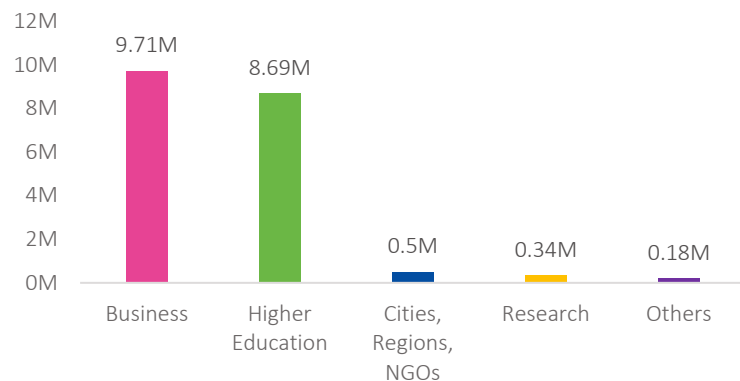
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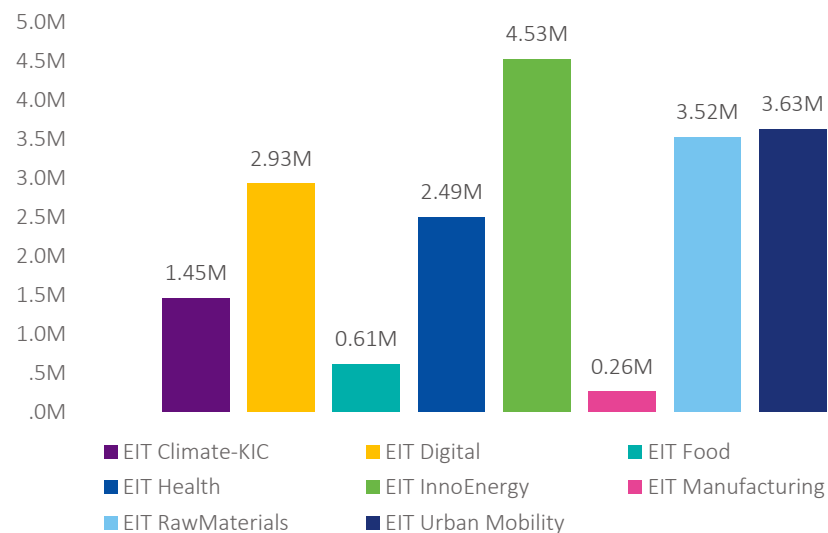
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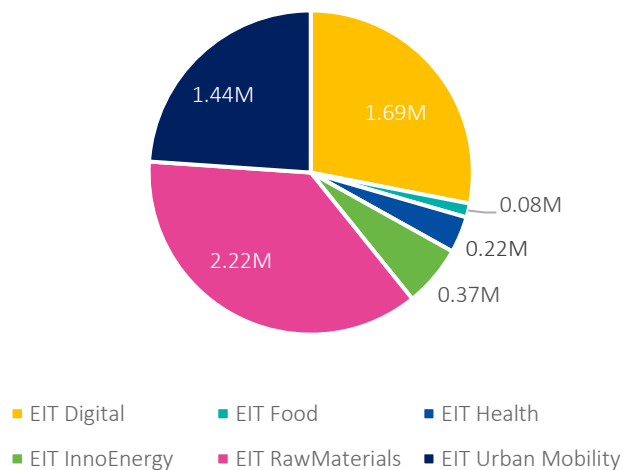


The Netherlands received a total of **EUR 19.43 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount was directed to Dutch organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 9,71 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 6.03 million to support Dutch SMEs, mainly under EIT RawMaterials, EIT Digital and EIT Urban Mobility.

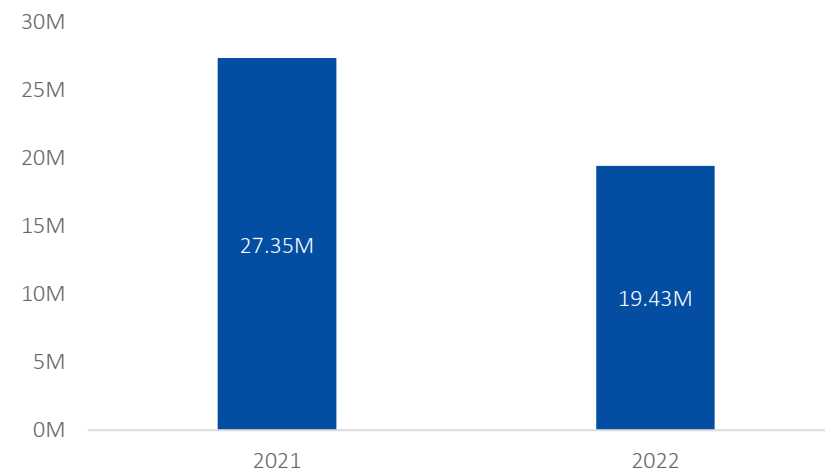
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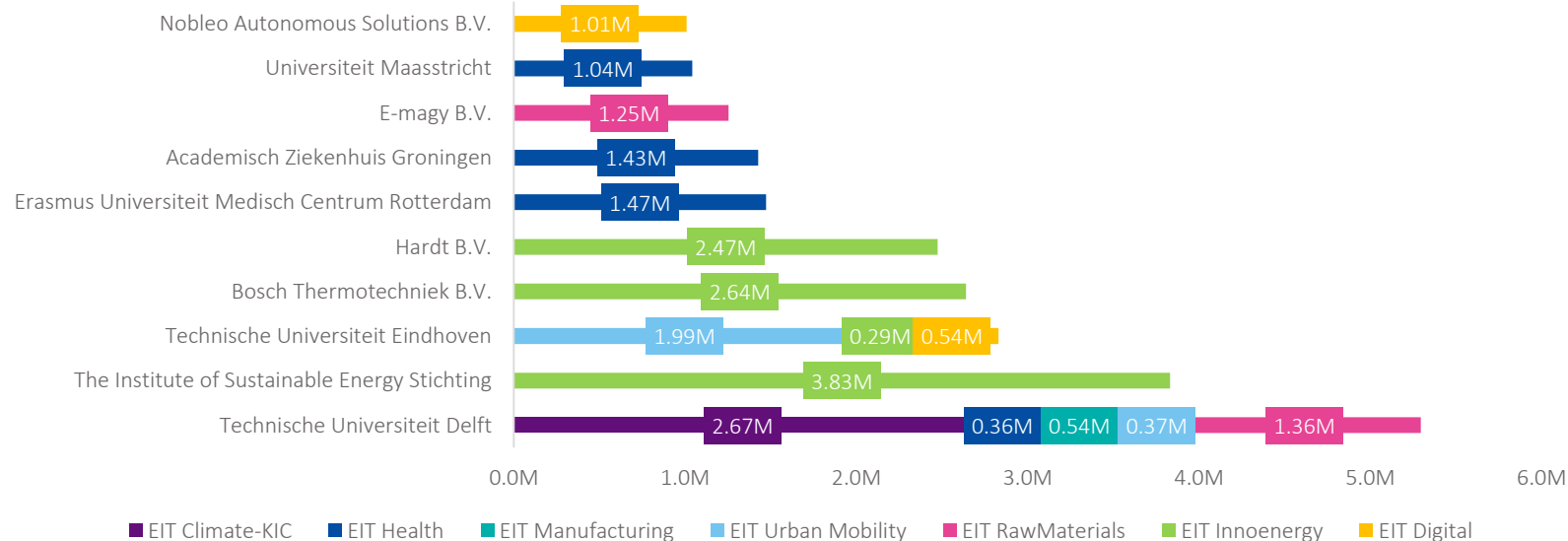
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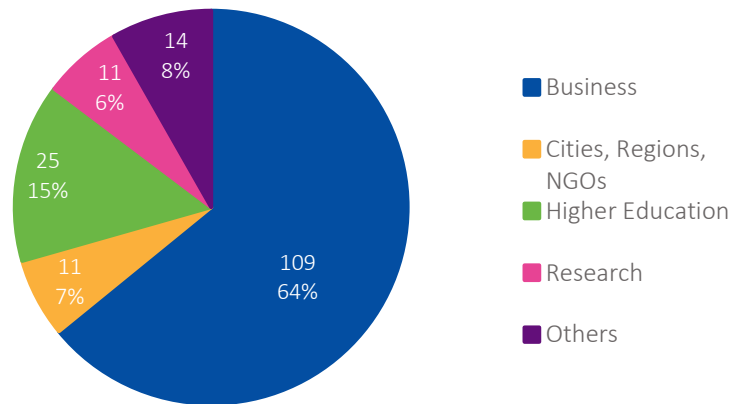
- 170 Dutch start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 27 Dutch women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 198.19 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in the Netherlands.
- 56 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 177 Dutch residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 177 Dutch graduates, 89 are men and 88 are women.
- 1376 participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

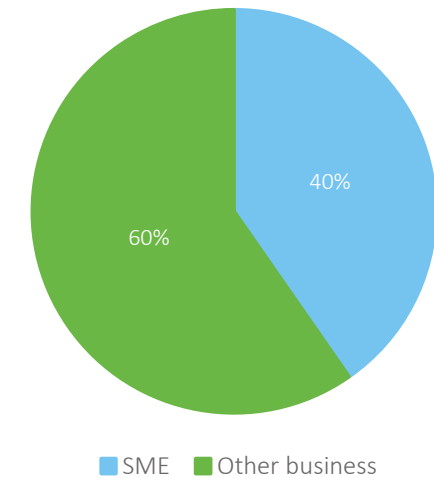


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Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

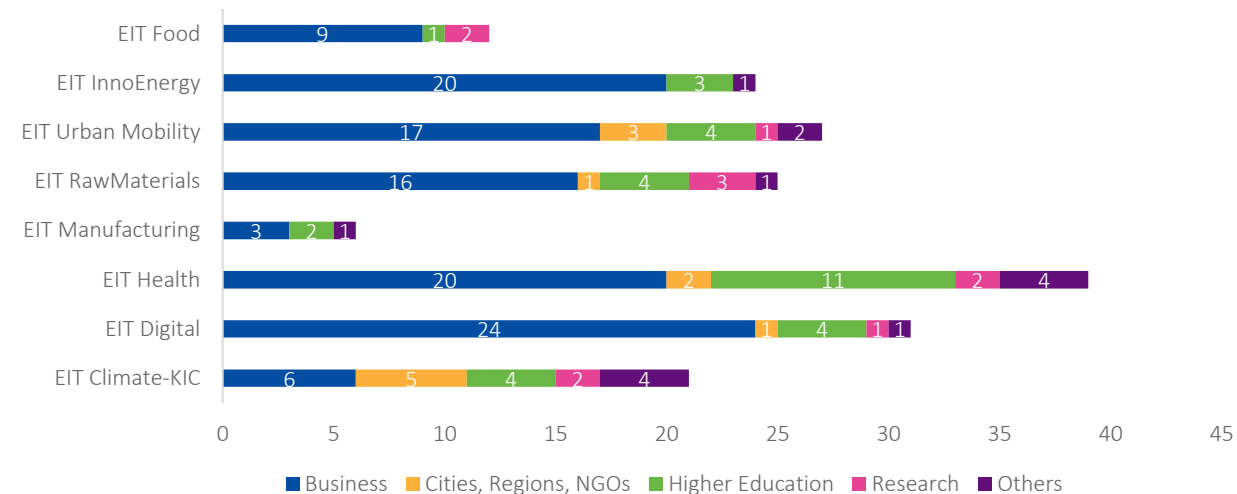


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



170 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from the Netherlands participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations with 40% of them being SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)

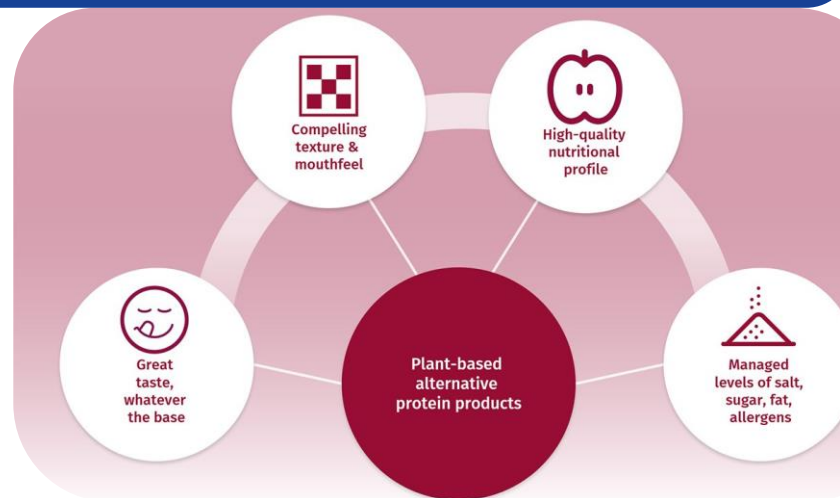


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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food



## *Making plant-based meat alternatives more palatable*

In 2011, **DMS Center for Food Innovation** set out to find new solutions that make plant-based meat alternatives tastier by increasing the juiciness of the products.

Tapping into the vast network of EIT Food, DSM has identified renowned experts and major industry partners who could bring insights from both meat science and plant-based science to the table. By bridging the gap between the two areas, the Center introduced a pioneering approach that combines the knowledge of two, so far, independent scientific fields.

The project has benefited from EIT's financial support, (**overall**

**funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 1.428.318**), which was instrumental in bringing together key industry partners, including Fraunhofer and Roquette, a global leader in plant-based ingredients.

Bolstered by their expertise, the project team has identified new tools to screen for ingredients that increase the juiciness of meat alternatives. By disseminating the created toolkit, the project increases the know-how around plant-based meat production and helps accelerate the transition to climate-friendly plant-based diets.



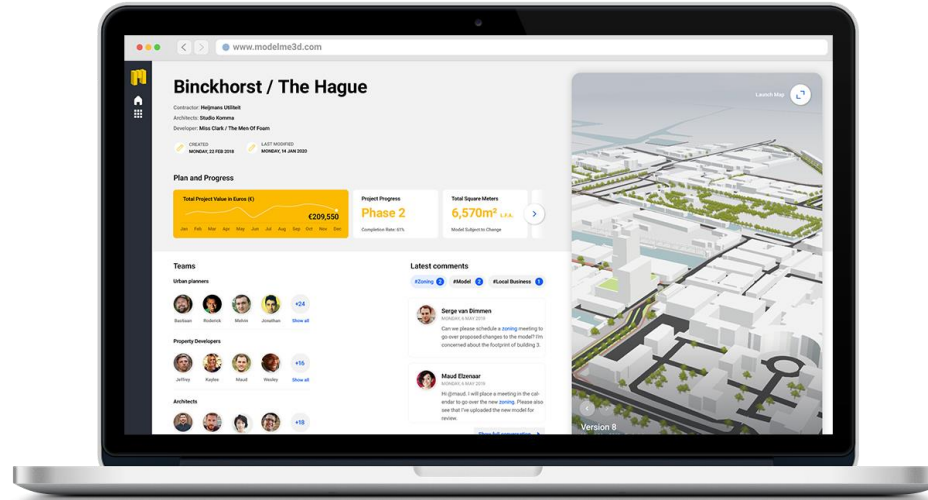
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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



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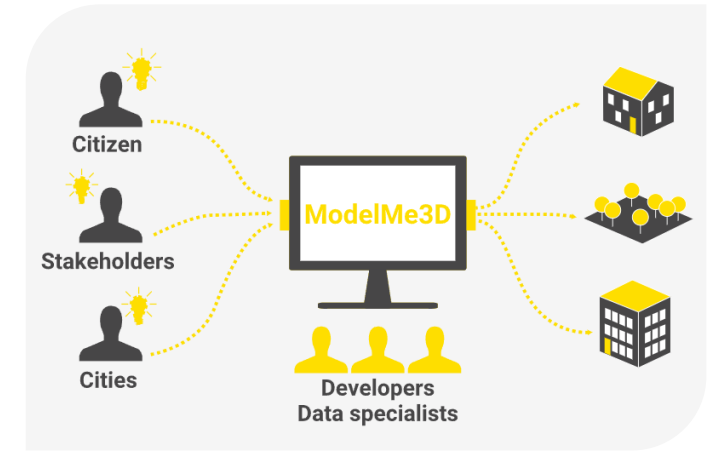
## ModelMe3D - Democratising City Planning

**ModelMe3D** is a start-up actively working to enhance the livability of cities by providing an immersive 3D co-design platform, empowering citizens to contribute to city planning.

In 2021, ModelMe3D joined the CLEAR project which set out to transform the urban landscape of partner cities according to local needs and was co-funded by EIT Urban Mobility. Throughout the initiative, the start-up collaborated with the cities of Amsterdam and Milan to test its platform.

As a member of the project consortium, ModelMe3D could benefit from the expertise of partners in architecture, urban planning, game design and business strategies to assess its product in a real-life environment and establish business partnerships across Europe.

After 2 years of testing activities, Model3Me signed a 5-year agreement to commercialise the tool. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 148,786.



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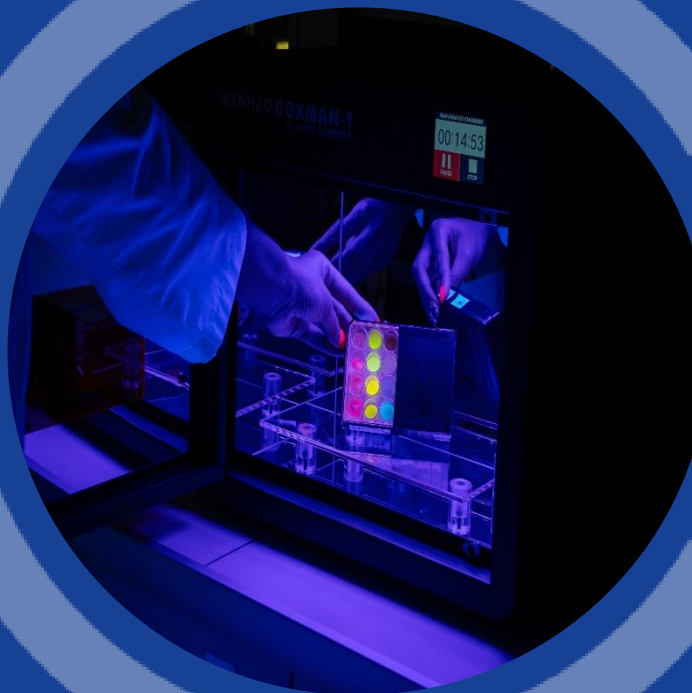
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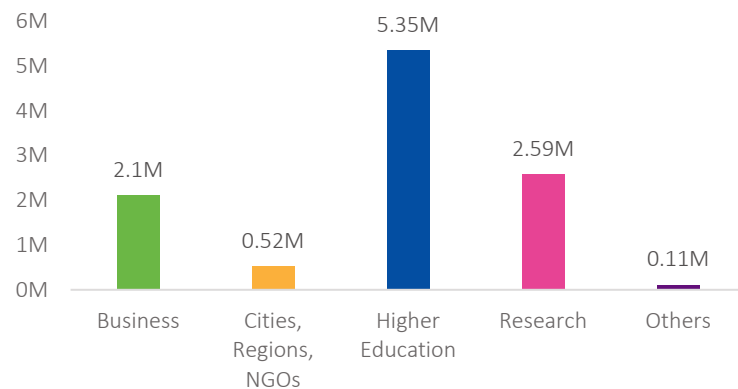
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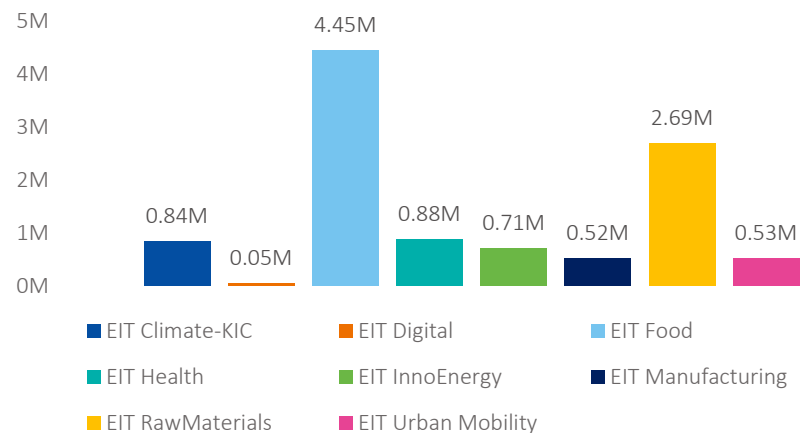
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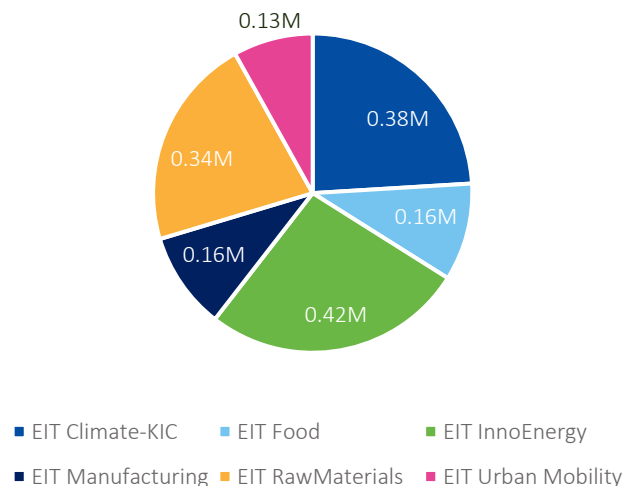


Poland received a total of **EUR 10.67 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 2.61 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Polish organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 5.35 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 1.57 million to support Polish SMEs, mainly under EIT InnoEnergy and EIT Climate KIC.

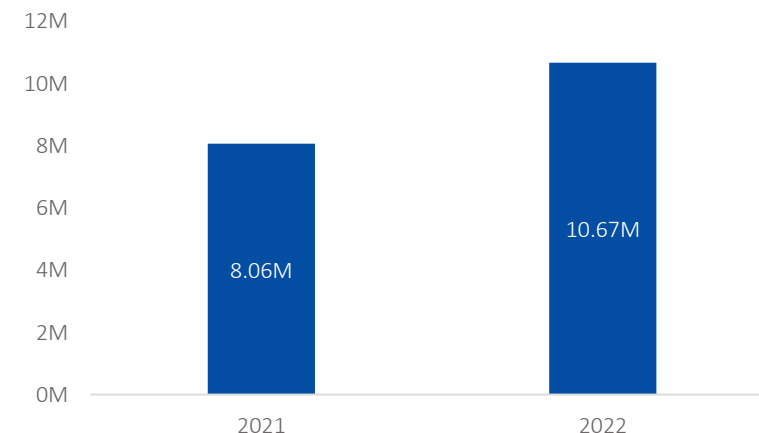
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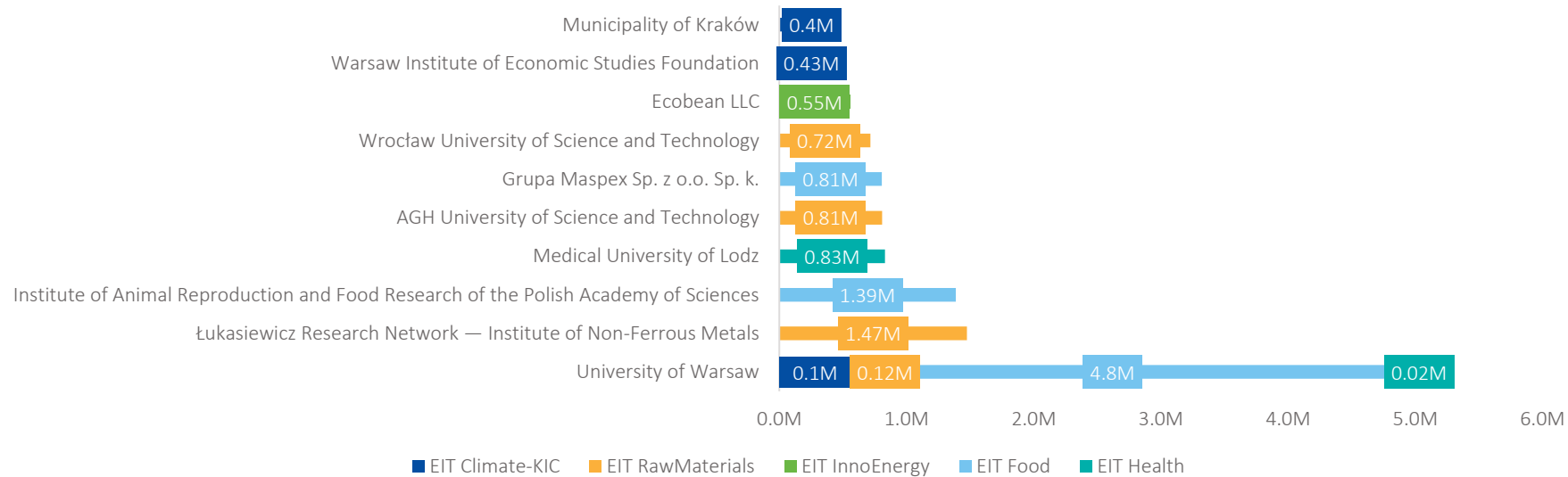
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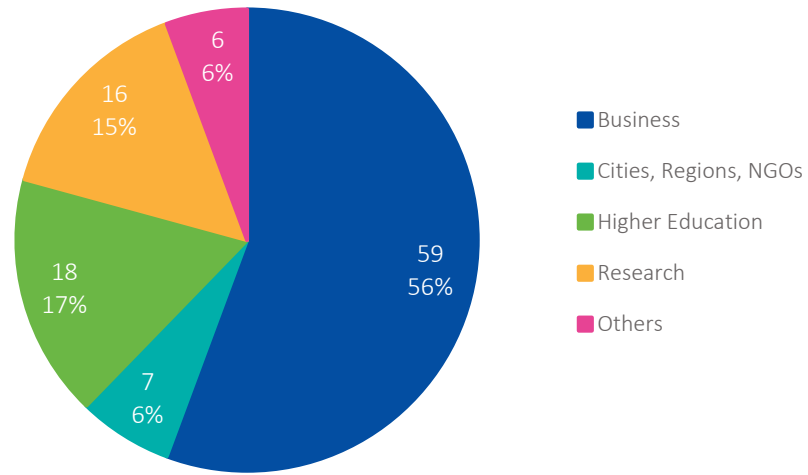
- 179 Polish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 60 Polish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 30 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Poland.
- 20 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 55 Polish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 55 Polish graduates, 32 are men and 23 are women.
- 5230+ participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



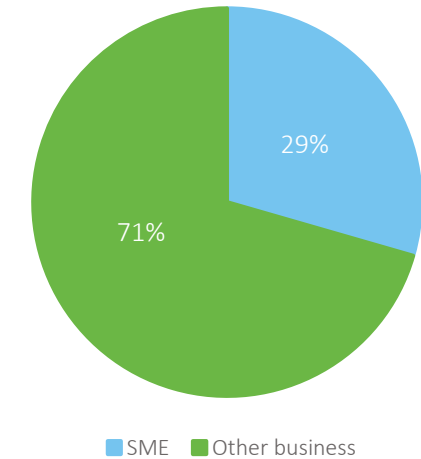
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Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

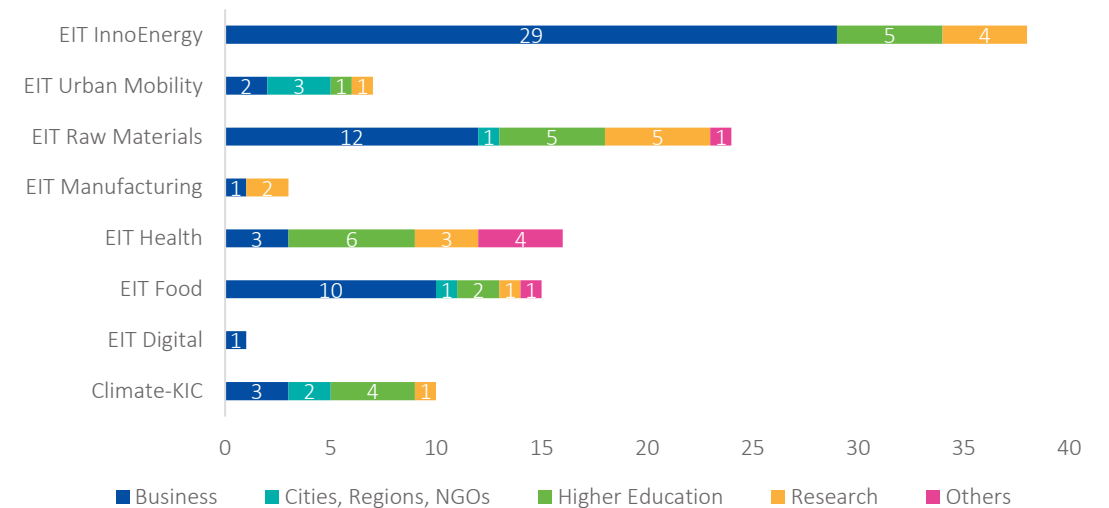


106 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Poland participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Almost 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



## Lume Label

### *Closing the packaging loop*

Lume Label started as an idea to reduce waste by inventing new technology for labelling in the production stage, making it easy to automatically sort packaging materials when they become waste in the recycling plants and the household.

The start-up behind the promising solution applied to the 2022 edition of EIT Jumpstarter, a flagship EIT Community program supporting idea-holders from Central-Eastern and Southern Europe to launch their companies.

Throughout the 1-year programme, the foremost local experts offered the team training and mentorship, helping Lume Label to build and validate a viable business model, ready for take-off.



The team succeeded to the Grand Final of Jumpstarter Krakow and took home the second prize of EUR 7 000 in the EIT Manufacturing category.

Boosted by the funding and the extensive training, Lume Label decided to establish its company and continue with the commercialization of the innovative solution.

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



## Restimo *Revolutionising food order management*

The Polish start-up Restimo developed an all-in-one solution that allows restaurants to manage the entire ordering process on a single device, integrating delivery platforms, courier companies and POS (Point of Sale) systems.

In 2020, the company participated in the EIT Digital Venture Program that empowers entrepreneurs from Southern, Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltics to take their business ideas to investment in less than a year. Throughout the programme, Restimo has benefitted from funding, mentoring and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, allowing the team to devise a market-ready product.

The Warsaw-based start-up also had the chance to access the vast EIT innovation network, resulting in essential partnerships with significant clients. Backed by EIT Digital's support, Restimo already serves restaurant chains such as North Fish, and the company is present in over 25 cities in Poland alone.

Set on a growth trajectory, in 2022, the start-up raised EUR 255 000 to develop its Resthub application for the catering industry and further expand the sales and customer service team and its marketing efforts.

*"14 Polish companies have been founded to date as a result of the support from EIT Digital's Venture Program, and it's great to see a company such as Restimo using that support as a springboard for subsequent growth."*

Mirko Tadic, EIT Digital Venture  
Program Lead



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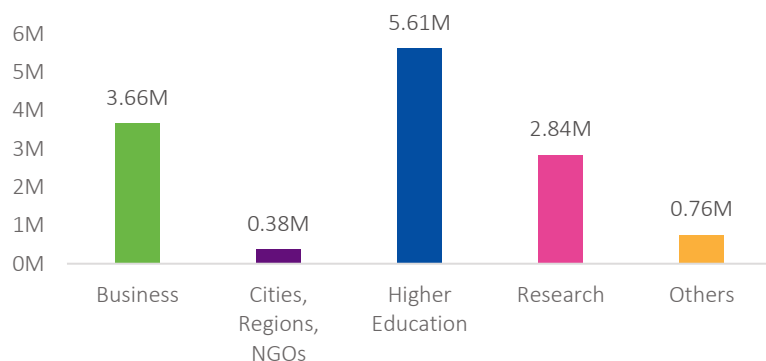
# EIT COMMUNITY IN PORTUGAL

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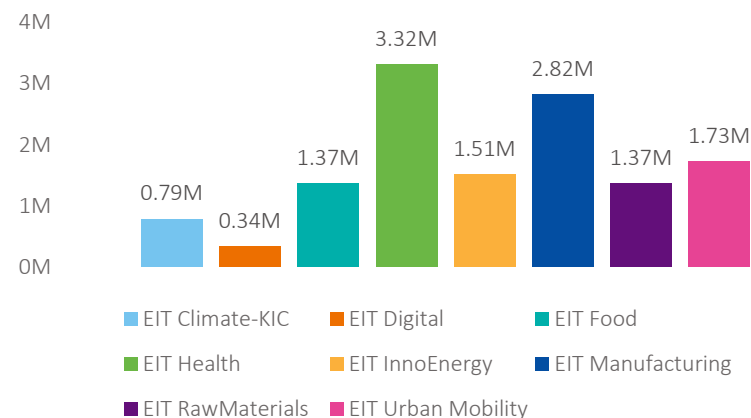
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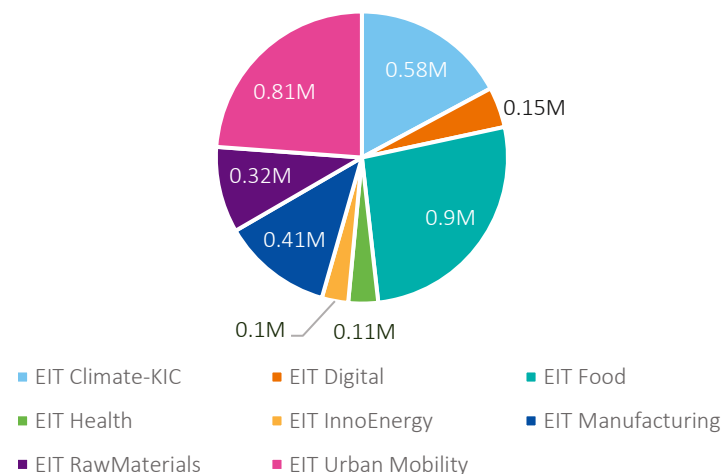


Portugal received a total of **EUR 13.25 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 4.42 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Portuguese organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share (EUR 5.61 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 3.4 million to support Portuguese SMEs with EIT Food offering the largest contribution to SMEs.

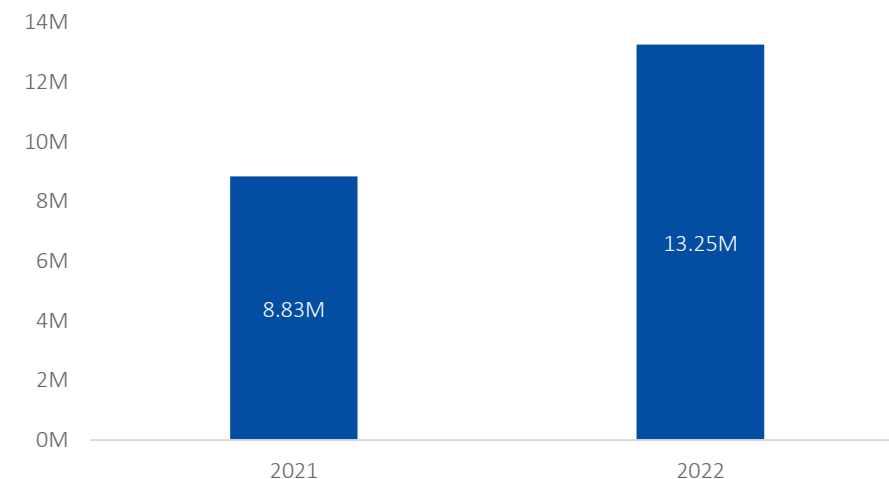
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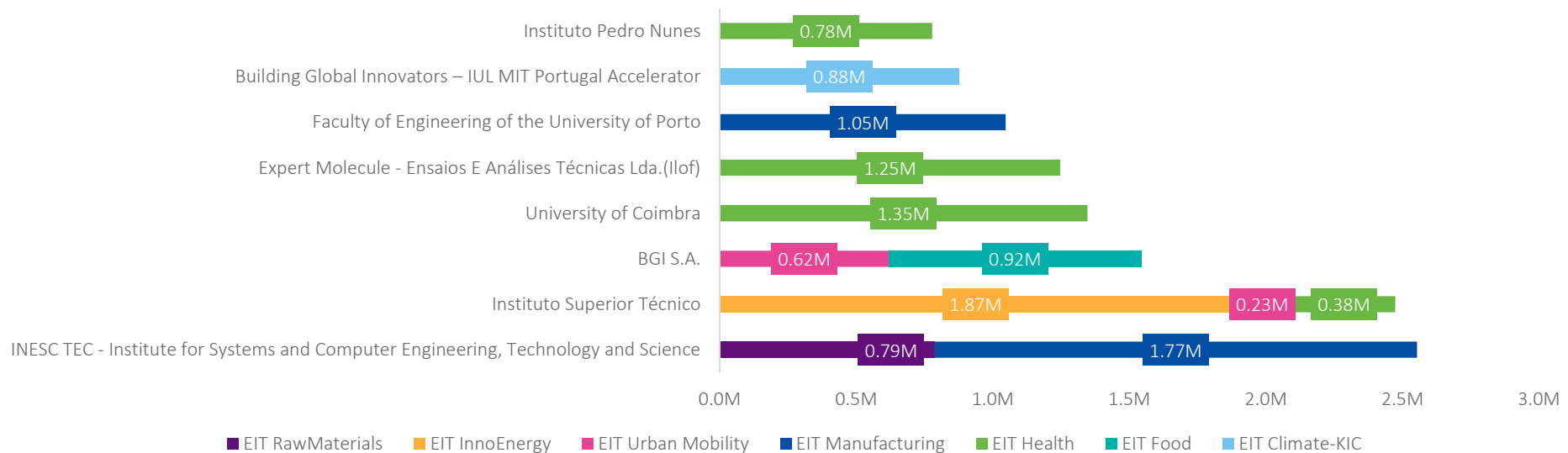
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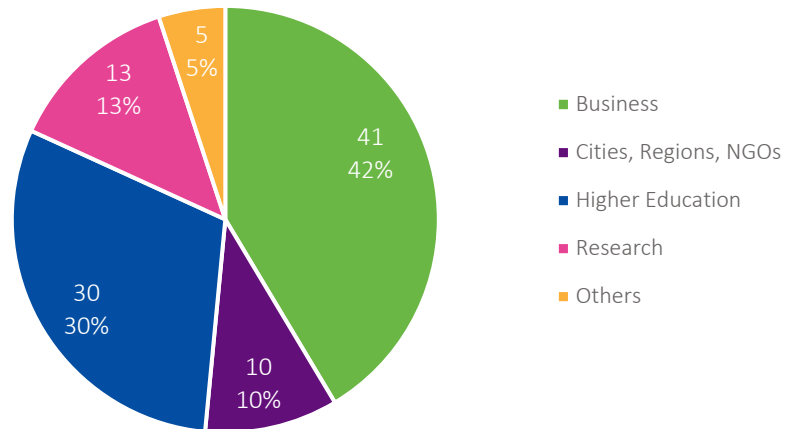
- 204 Portuguese start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 54 Portuguese women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 16.66 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Portugal.
- 34 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 51 Portuguese residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 51 Portuguese graduates, 27 are men and 24 are women.
- 7000+ Portuguese participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

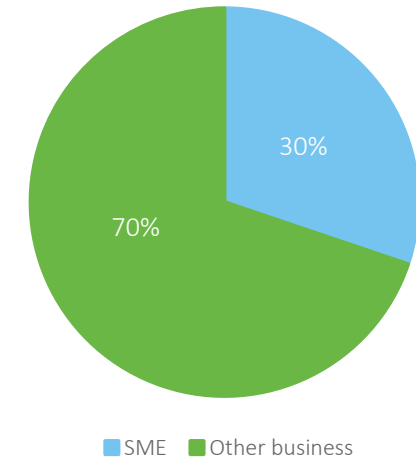


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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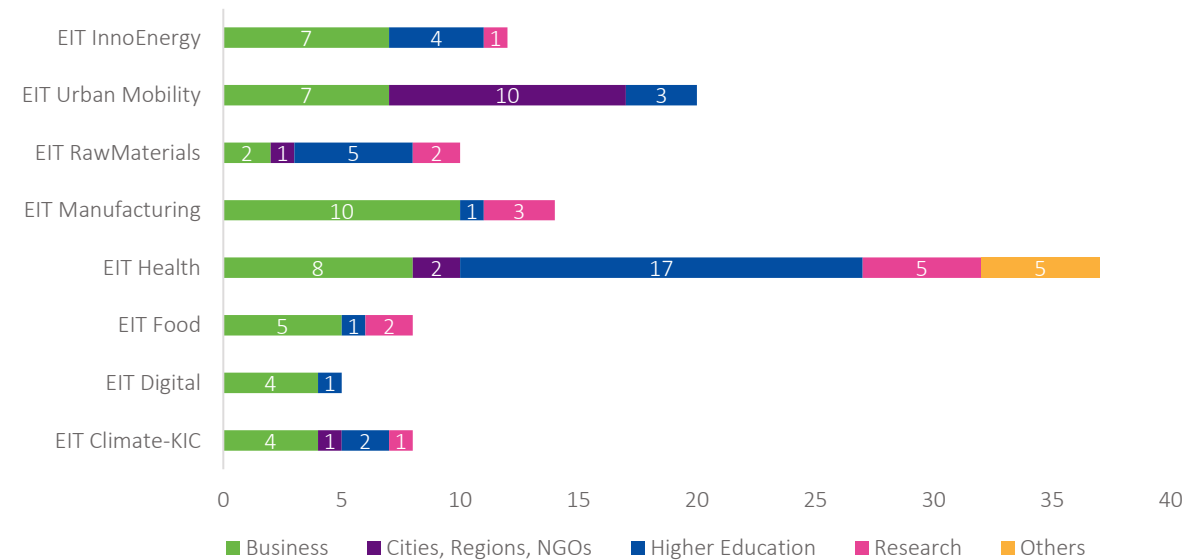


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



99 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Portugal participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

## BestHealth4U

### *Pioneering skin-friendly medical devices*

BestHealth4U is a Portuguese start-up on a mission to develop biomedical glue-less adhesives that reduce skin irritation in the case of patients with skin-interacting medical devices.

The collaboration between BestHealth4U and EIT Health began in 2018 at the InnoStars Awards and continued with the team participating in the Start-ups Meet Pharma and HeadStart programmes, thanks to which the start-up established a robust industry network.

The following important milestone was the product validation in a clinical setting. With the help of EIT Health, the start-up secured a pivotal partnership with the Leitat Technological Centre to complete this step.

EIT Health's Bridgehead Europe programme is an initiative helping healthcare innovators grow beyond their home markets, and in 2021, it helped BestHealth4U connect with key industry players from the UK and the Netherlands.



Bolstered by the support and network of EIT Health, Bio2Skin, the innovative product of the company is now patented in Europe, India, and the US and has been successfully piloted by over 11 multinational companies.

*"We had a lot of challenges throughout the development of the product and the company, namely reaching out to the MedTech industry key-players. EIT Health provided a platform for that. Through the EIT Health programmes, BestHealth4U had the opportunity to show its value, and now we have several contacts with the industry [...], with investors and we are studying new products in partnership with companies."*

Sónia Ferreira, CEO and Founder

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Food

**AgroGrIN tech**  
*Closing the loop in fruit waste*

Under Débora Campos's leadership, the idea of **AgroGrIN Tech** emerged as an academic research project to investigate methodologies that fight food waste. With the help of EIT Food, it later evolved into an eco-friendly business that seeks to transform industrial fruit waste into products with high added value, such as enzymes and vitamins.

The founder first participated in the Global Food Venture, EIT Food's Doctoral Programme for entrepreneurial PhD students. Later, she participated in EIT Food's Innovator Fellowship. This post-doc programme provided training and funding to launch the company and equipped the team with the skills needed to win the 2020 EIT Food Innovation Competition.



The further development of the business was fueled by EIT Climate-KIC's ClimAccelerator, which provided the start-up with the mentoring, funding and matchmaking needed to scale its business. The two-stage accelerator paved the way for the successful commercialization of the start-up's first product, the Bromelain Extract, in 2022.

*"I heard about the EIT Community in 2018, and I decided to participate in the PhD program, to support the idea development of the business idea that I had developed [...]. The programme was fundamental to improve certain areas of the business and also made me believe that I was on the right path."*

**Débora Campos**, founder and CEO of AgroGrIN Tech



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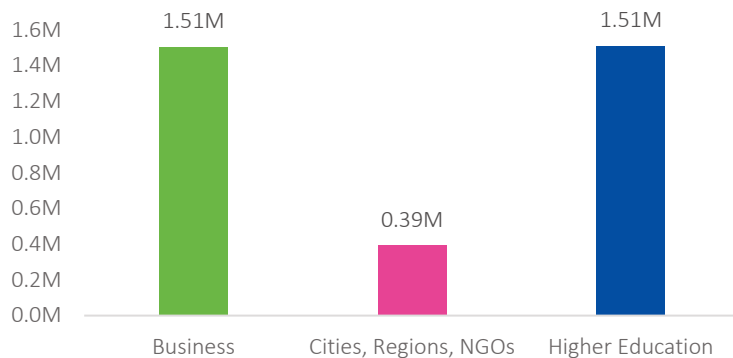
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ROMANIA

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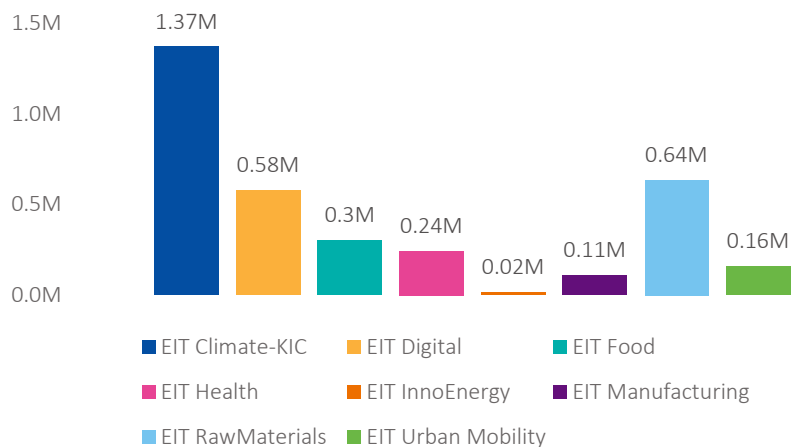
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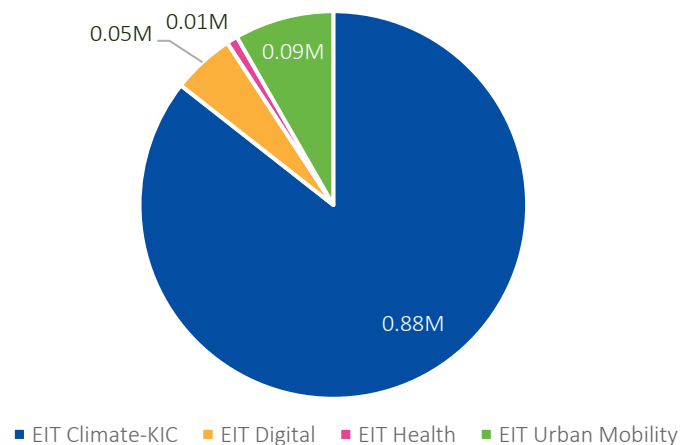


Romania received a total of **EUR 3.41 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 2.09 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Romanian organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.51 million each) was dedicated to business and higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 1.03 million to support Romanian SMEs, mainly under EIT Climate-KIC.

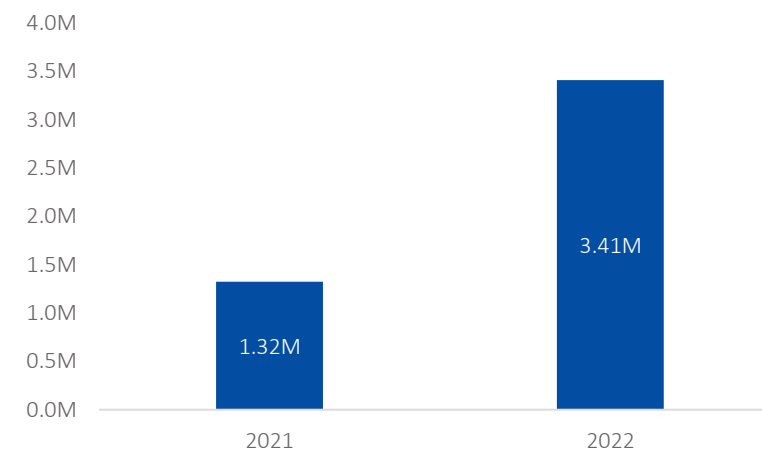
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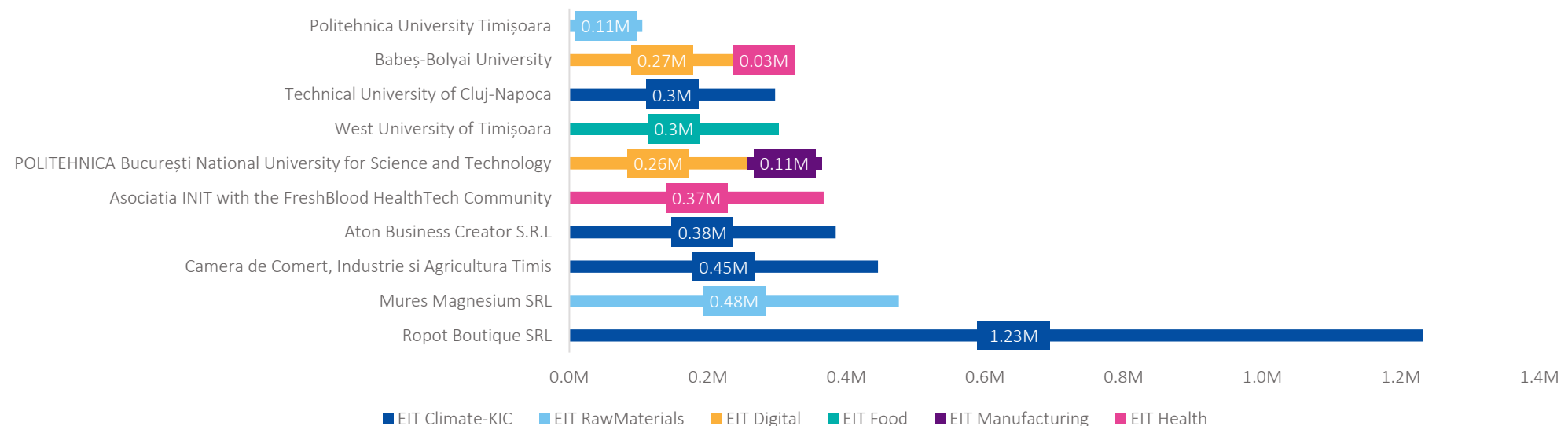
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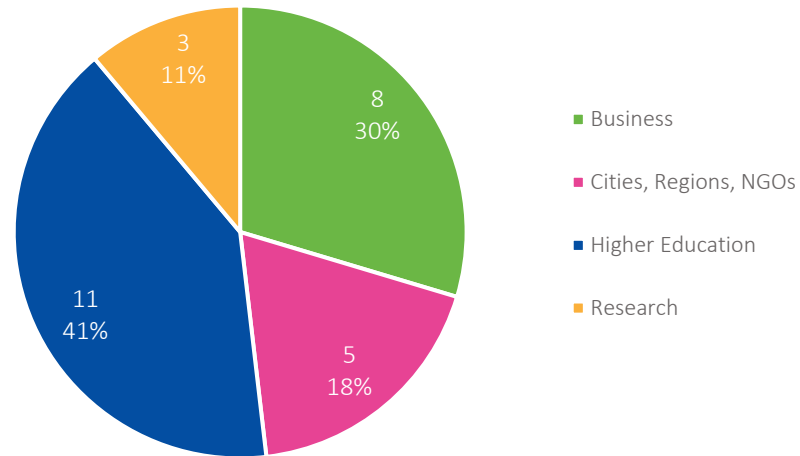
- 154 Romanian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 36 Romanian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 13.93 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Romania.
- 17 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 10 Romanian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 10 Romanian graduates, 5 are men and 5 are women.
- Almost 14.000 Romanian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



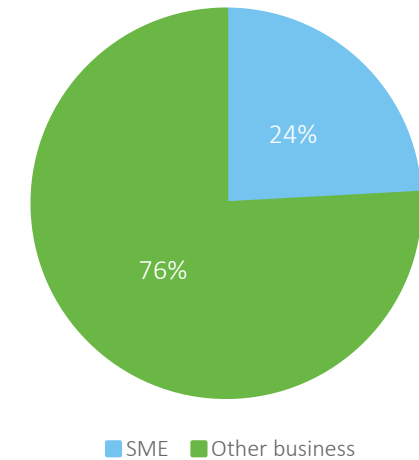
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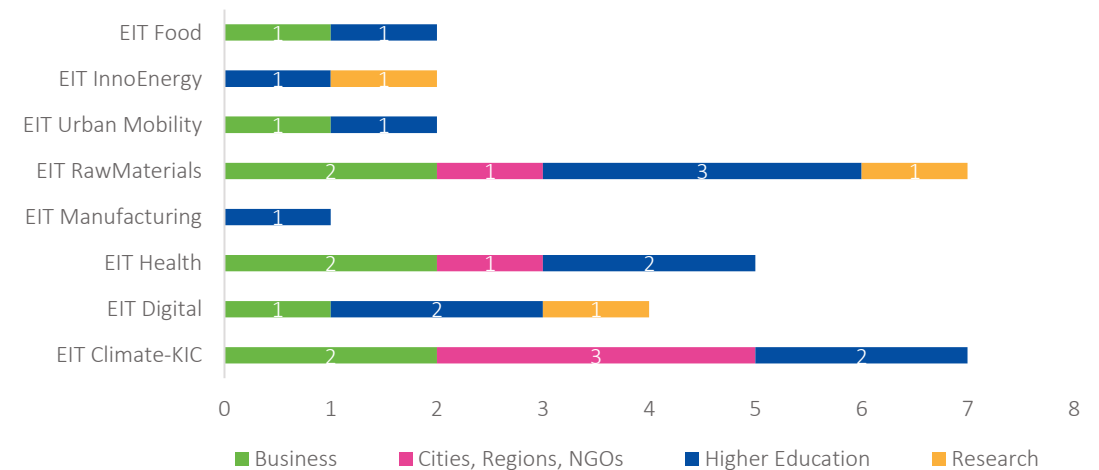


27 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Romania participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being higher education institutions. 24% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Climate-KIC



**Charger.ro**

*Making smart home solutions more accessible*

Charger.ro is a one-stop-shop platform for smart and eco-friendly solutions, including car charging stations and solar panels. The start-up is on a mission to make the purchasing of smart energy solutions easier, safer and faster with its portfolio of suppliers, expertise and installation services.

EIT Climate-KIC's Black Sea ClimAccelerator kickstarted the journey of the start-up in 2011 with a EUR 5 000 funding to develop the MVP of the platform and create its branding.



“We didn’t know very much about this community in the beginning, so it was with much surprise that we discovered a group of amazing and helpful people, as well as an impactful network and other startups from the industry.”

Iulia Dorobanțu, co-founder of Charger.ro

The acceleration programme equipped the team with the knowledge needed to take their idea further. Tapping into Europe’s largest innovation network, the start-up had the chance to connect with peers and potential partners. The team also received support in promoting its services.

Having raised EUR 245 000 from business angels and a VC, the focus of the company now is to build a platform that will become the region’s main integrator of complete energy solutions with the help of its investors and network, including the EIT Community.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## Ferma de Păsări Pășunate

*Better food quality through regenerative farming*

Ferma de Păsări Pășunate is the first regenerative farm in Romania that raises, processes, markets and sells pastured poultry. From the start, EIT Food has helped the founder, Cosmina Dinu, to turn her idea into reality.

Cosmina participated in the Empowering Women in Agrifood (EWA) programme, where she received business mentoring and training sessions, allowing her to fine-tune her business model.

Winning the first spot of the EWA pitching competition, Cosmina got the EUR 10 000 award that she invested in improving infrastructure. Through the EIT Food Hub Romania, Ferma had the chance to participate in industry events and connect with fellow entrepreneurs and partners.

With the EIT's help, Cosmina pioneered the pastured poultry system in Romania. But she did not stop there. On the quest for making small-scale farming financially sustainable, Ferma started focusing on distribution.



This is how ROMO was born, a Facebook based pre-ordering system that enables small producers to sell their ethically sourced products efficiently. Since its start, ROMO has blossomed into a thriving community of 100 local producers and 37 000 consumers.

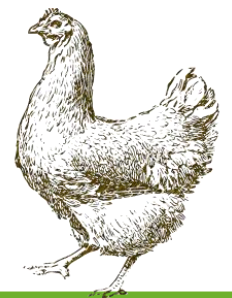


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“The EWA program has been a real catalyst for our agriculture business. The program helped us to organize ourselves, to put our thoughts in order, to take time for evaluations. But most importantly, it motivated us to get results. And we pushed hard to get them during the program. And the biggest gain was the mentoring and networking experience. Priceless.”

**Cosmina Dinu**, co-founder of  
Ferma de Păsări Pășunate



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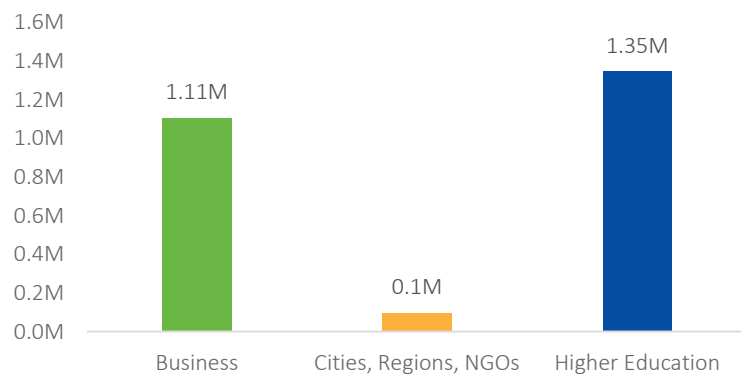
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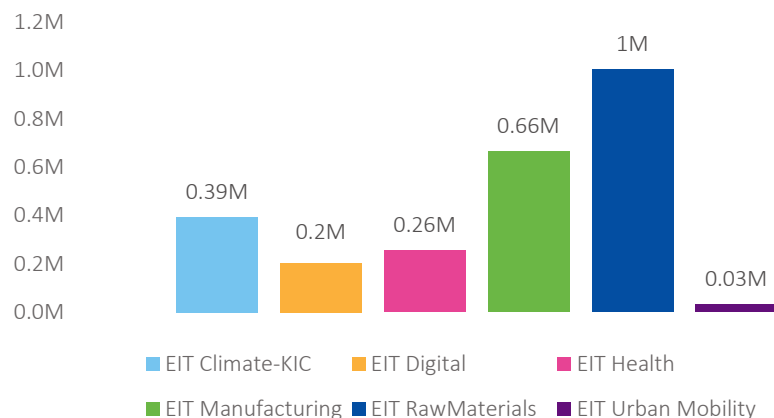
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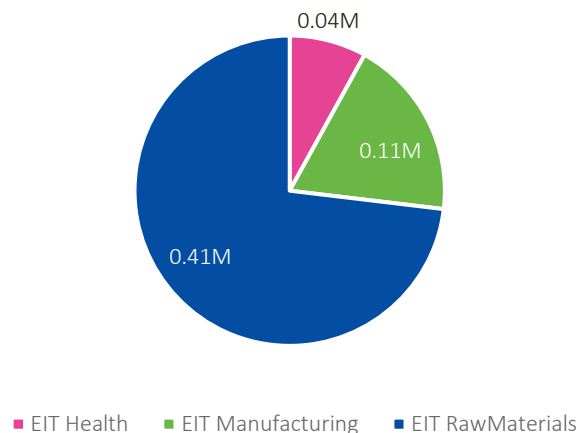


Slovakia received a total of **EUR 2.55 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.22 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Slovak organisations via six EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.35 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.56 million to support Slovak SMEs, mainly under EIT RawMaterials.

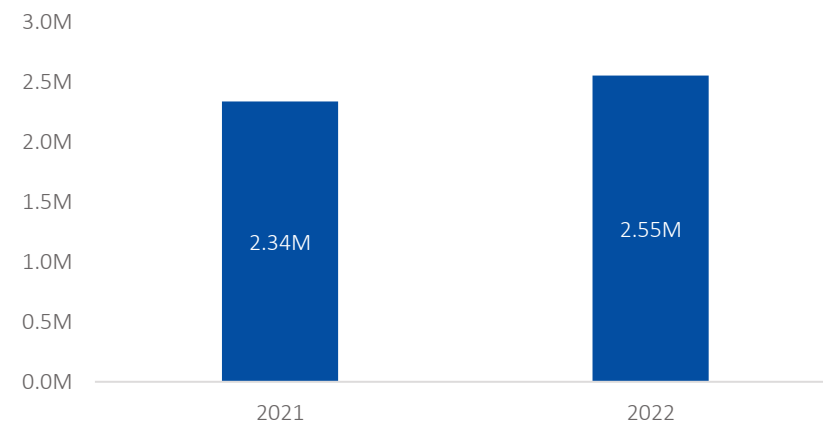
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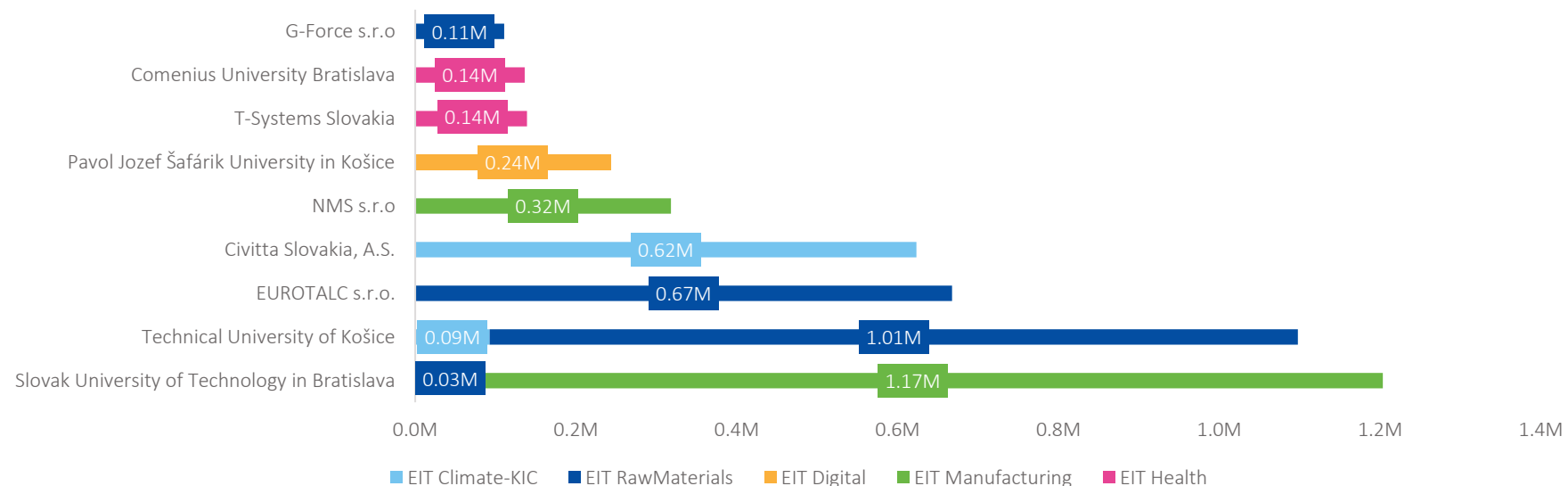
# EIT COMMUNITY IN SLOVAKIA



## In 2021-22:

- 59 Slovak start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 17 Slovak women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 0.29 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Slovakia.
- 5 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 1630+ Slovak participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

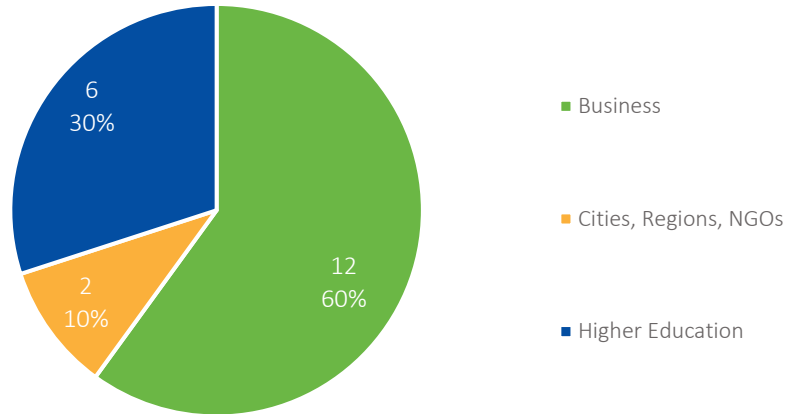
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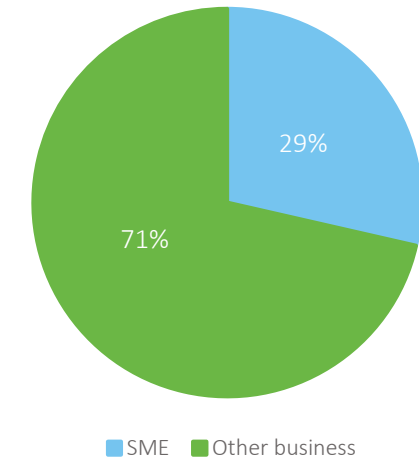
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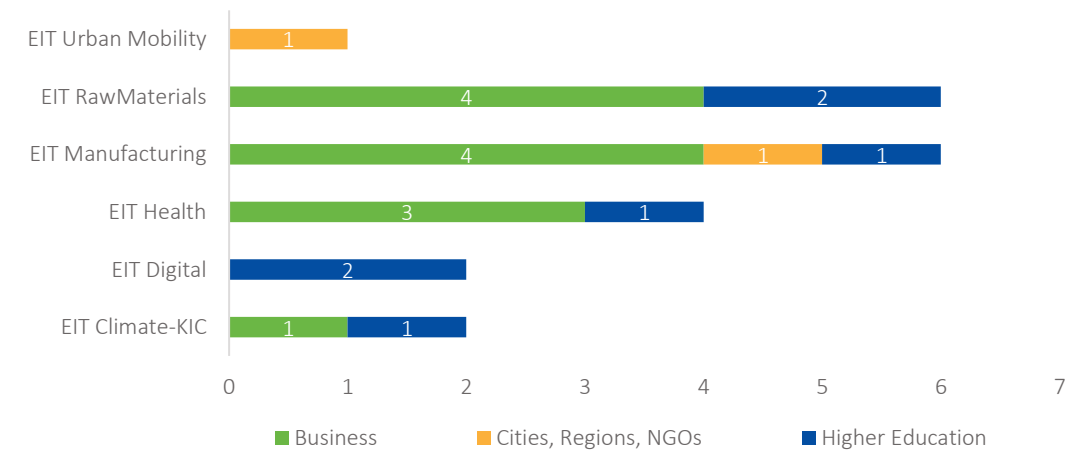


20 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Slovakia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent three areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Almost 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Health

## Scase

*Revolutionising patient data accessibility*

Scase helps to tackle the healthcare personal shortage with its innovative diagnostic solution, a portable, point-of-care medical device combining smart sensors with a digital patient database.

The start-up has received multiple boosts from EIT Health over the past years. In 2019, the Bratislava-based team received a grant of EUR 10,000 from EIT Health to improve the accessibility of telehealth for patients with COVID and cardiovascular diseases in several regions in Slovakia.



In 2022, EIT Health selected Scase as one of the 15 start-ups for the inaugural edition of the Attract2Invest programme, which prepares the most promising teams from the CEE and the Southern European regions to fundraise effectively. The accelerator provided the company with EUR 20 000 as well as practical workshop sessions, simulation trainings and access to networking opportunities, equipping Scase with the tools and know-how needed for take-off.

Present in 8 countries and tested on over 2300 patients, the start-up has raised almost EUR 1 million.

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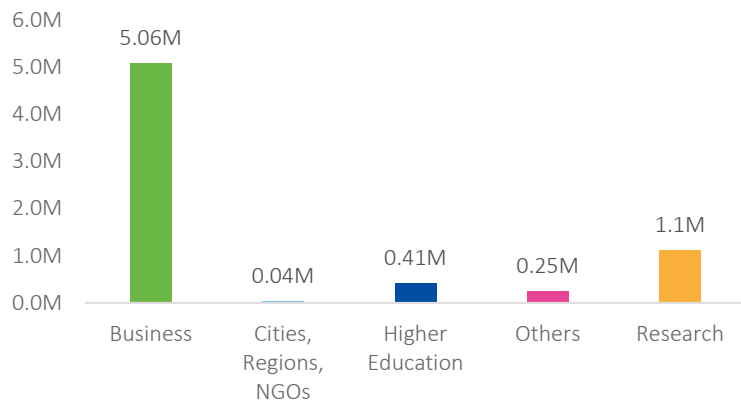
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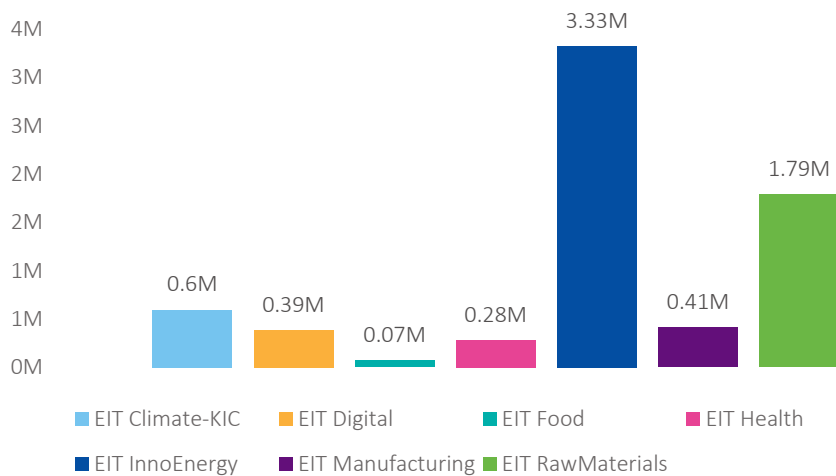
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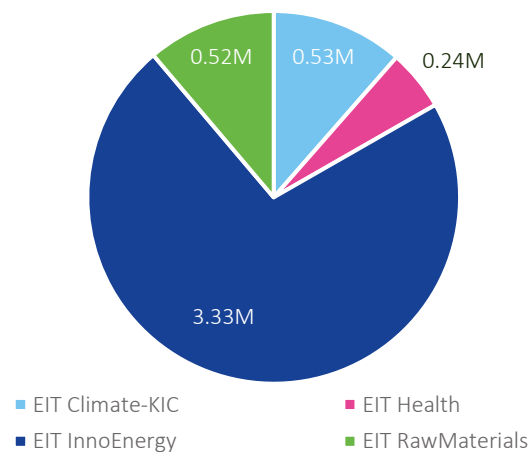


Slovenia received a total of **EUR 6.86 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Slovenian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 5.06 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 4.61 million to support Slovenian SMEs, mainly under EIT InnoEnergy.

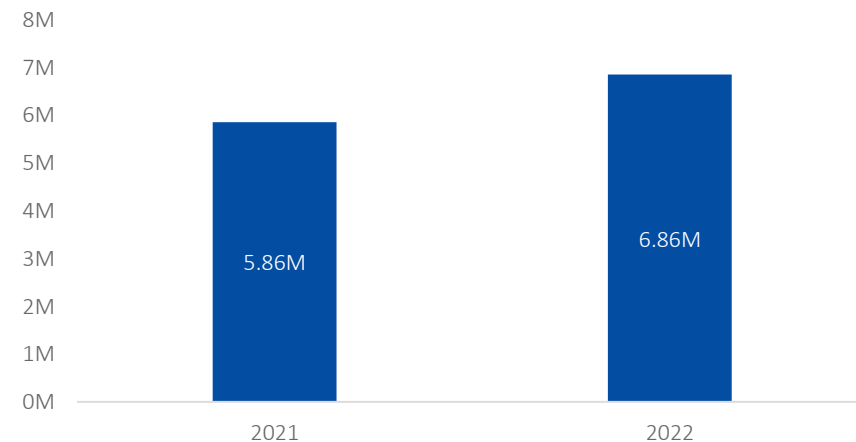
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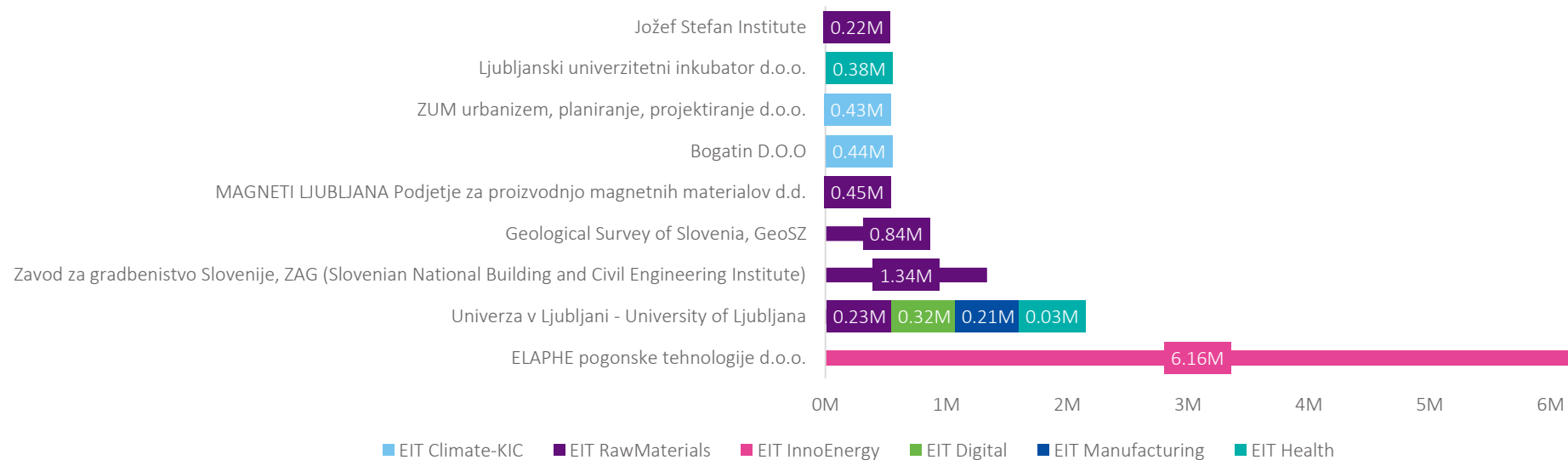
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## In 2021-22:

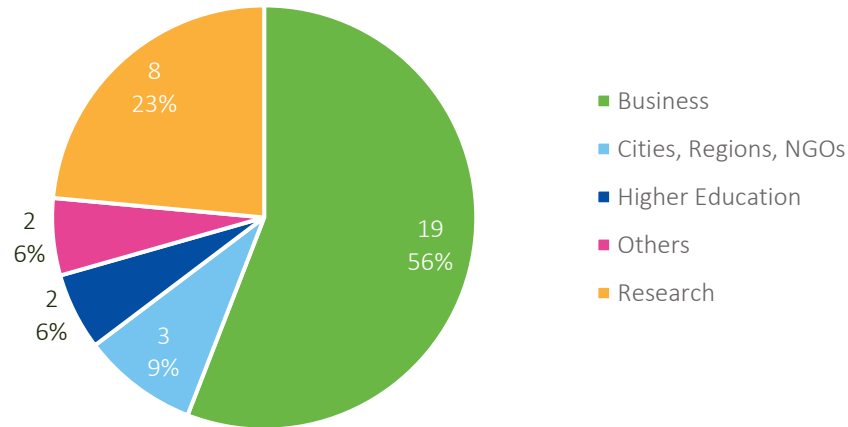
- 45 Slovenian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 5 Slovenian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 3.83 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Slovenia.
- 17 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 3 Slovenian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 3 Slovenian graduates, 2 are men and 1 is a woman.
- Ca. 2840 Slovenian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

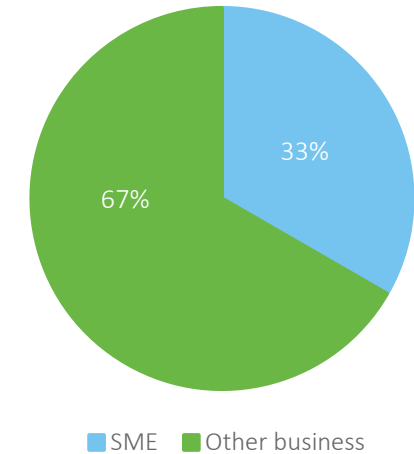


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

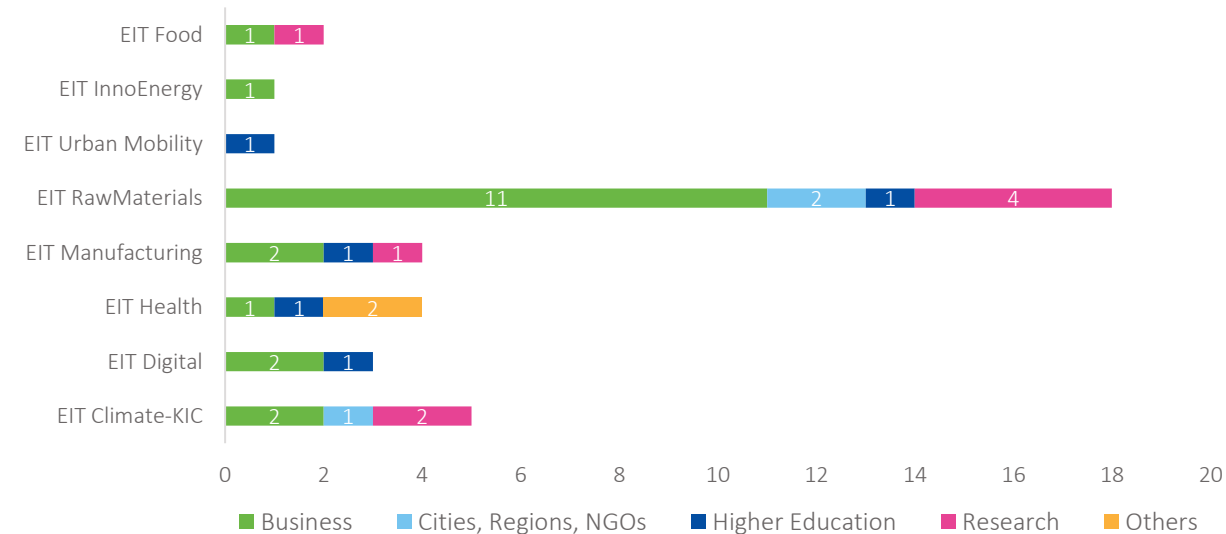


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



34 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Slovenia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Around 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT RawMaterials

## RIS-ALice

*Valorising alumina-containing industrial residues*

Led by the Slovenian National Building and Civil Engineering Institute (ZAG), the RIS-ALice project set out to valorise alumina-containing secondary materials, such as industrial and mining residues in the Eastern and Southern European region.

The project's name refers to the Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS), a key EIT instrument helping countries of modest to moderate innovation potential to close the innovation gap.

Relying on the vast EIT RawMaterials network and the support of three different EIT Co-location centres (East, South and Central), the project lead could engage a broad array of partners, altogether 49 additional stakeholders.



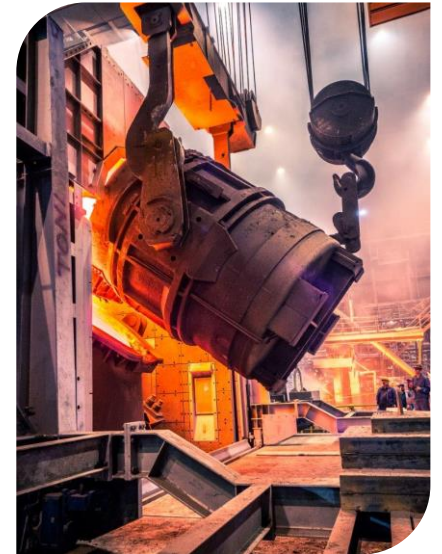
The extensive EIT ecosystem and the funding provided by EIT RawMaterials, allowed ZAG to establish a long-term, active network between the producers and the end-users of Al-rich industrial residues.

The RIS-ALice registry now serves as a matchmaking tool between producers of industrial residues and potential end-users.

Furthermore, the project also investigated solutions that upcycle Al-rich residues and contributed to the implementation of a circular economy with the insights gained. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 1 020 726.

*"I have learned about the EIT community from my colleagues from our research institute. Bearing in mind our current work and research areas, we find it a good opportunity to expand our collaboration. EIT gave us some good experiences and support in the implementation of the project."*

Sabina Dolenec, Project coordinator



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



*ReCatalyst –  
Fueling the Future*

ReCatalyst develops, manufactures and sells next-generation catalysts for hydrogen fuel cells, strategically designed to optimise the use of precious metals, including scarce and expensive platinum.

Founded in 2021 as a spin-off from the National Institute of Chemistry in Ljubljana, the team won the EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final competition the year before, catapulting them to other European funding opportunities.

In 2022-2023, the start-up participated in all three phases of EIT RawMaterial's Accelerator. The programme provided the company with a total EUR 90 000 funding and training in financial and business planning that prepared the team for market entry.

Supported by EIT RawMaterials



Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted EUR 100 000.

Thanks to EIT RawMaterials' early support, the start-up could reach its first customers in 2022, and in 2023, ReCatalyst successfully closed a seed investment round of EUR 1.7M.

The European Innovation Council has also selected the company for a ~2.5M€ call to bring to life the next-generation platinum-efficient and PFAS-free membrane electrode assemblies for heavy-duty vehicles.

*"We have recently concluded the last and final Phase 3 of the EIT RawMaterials #accelerator program. However, our journey with EIT has begun already with the EIT Jumpstarter back in 2020 at the start of the pandemic.*

*Much has happened in between and we can truly say that **EIT has been one of the key pieces in a large mosaic of our early supporters.***

*Thus, we'd like to again sincerely thank EIT as well as everyone involved with us for the past 3 years. We hope to find synergies within EIT in the future as well!"*

Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slovenian Start-Up of the Year 2023</li><li>• Winners of the BASF Innovation Hub 2021</li></ul>
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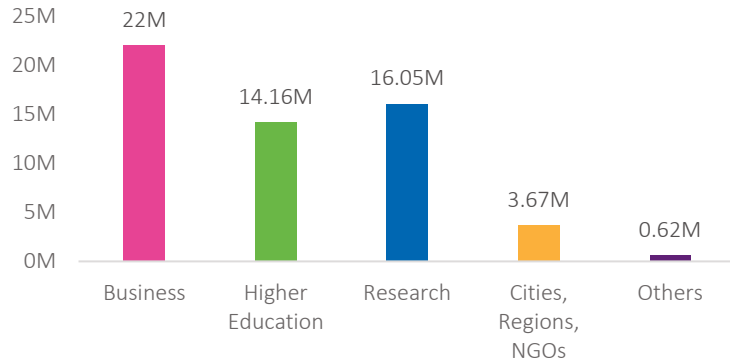
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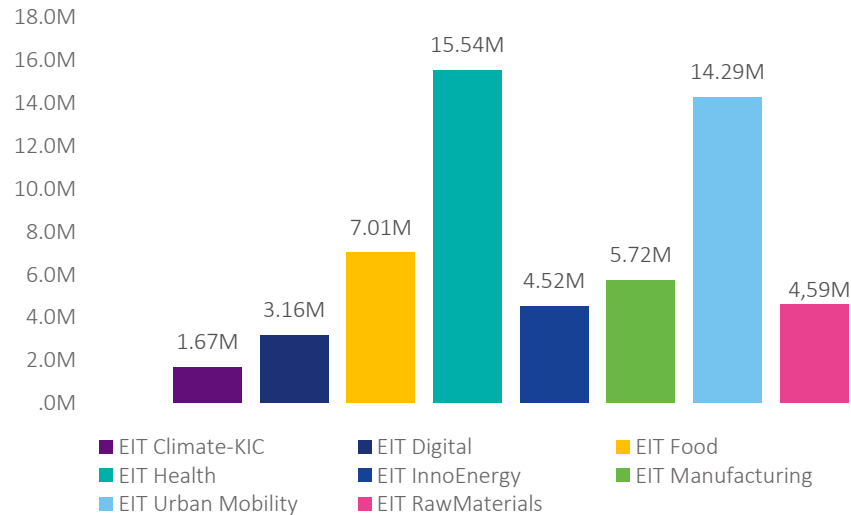
# EIT GRANTS

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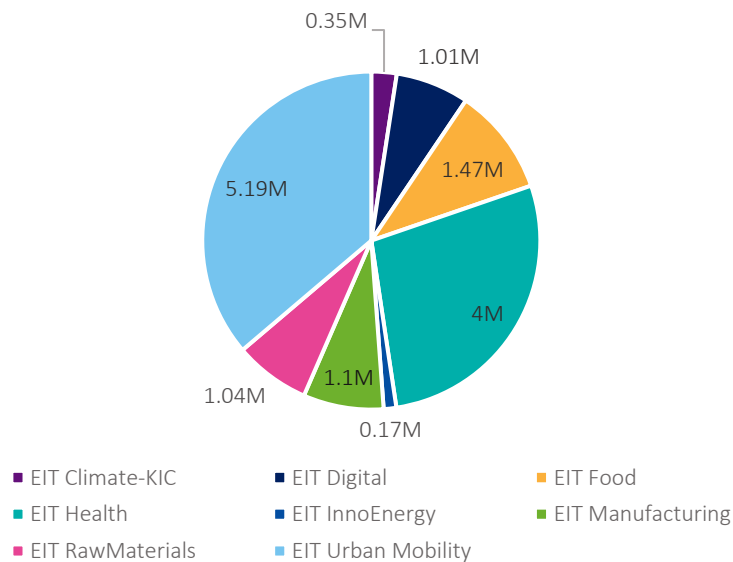


Spain received a total of **EUR 56,49 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 13.38 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Spanish organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 22 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 14.33 million to support Spanish SMEs, mainly under EIT Urban Mobility and EIT Health.

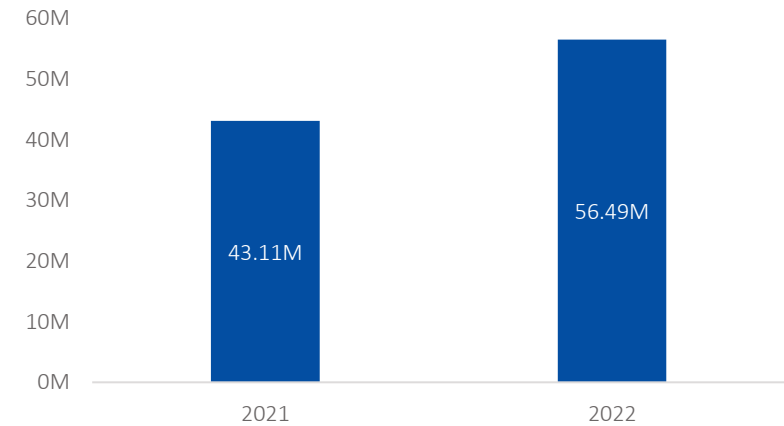
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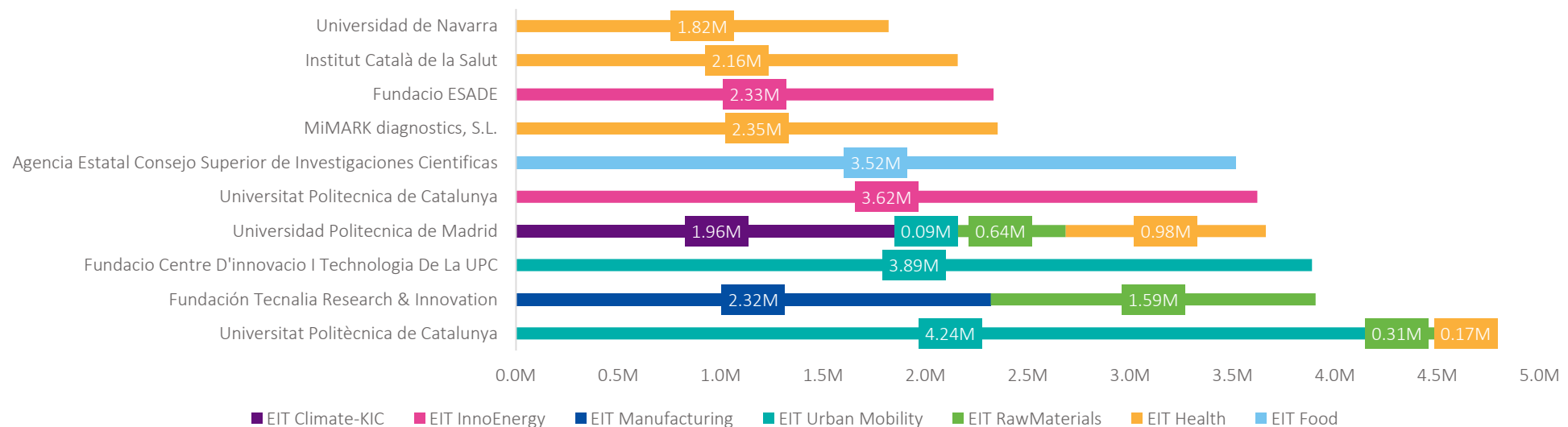
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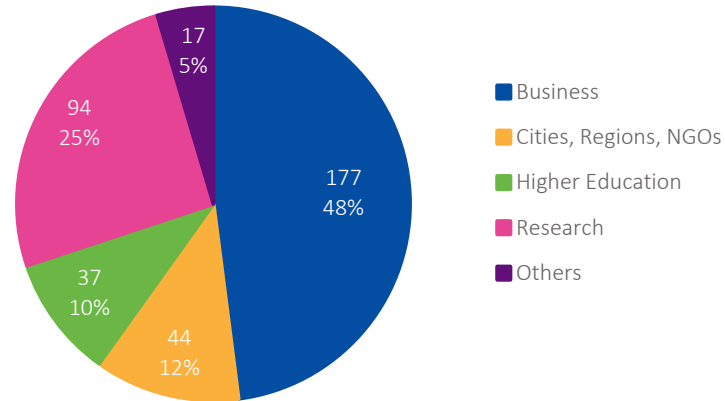
- 430 Spanish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 139 Spanish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 129,12 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Spain.
- 83 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 181 Spanish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 181 Spanish graduates, 124 are men, 55 are women, 2 non-binary.
- Close to 14,000 participated in non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



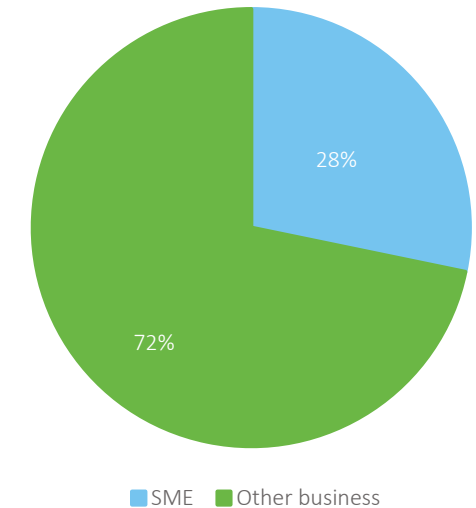
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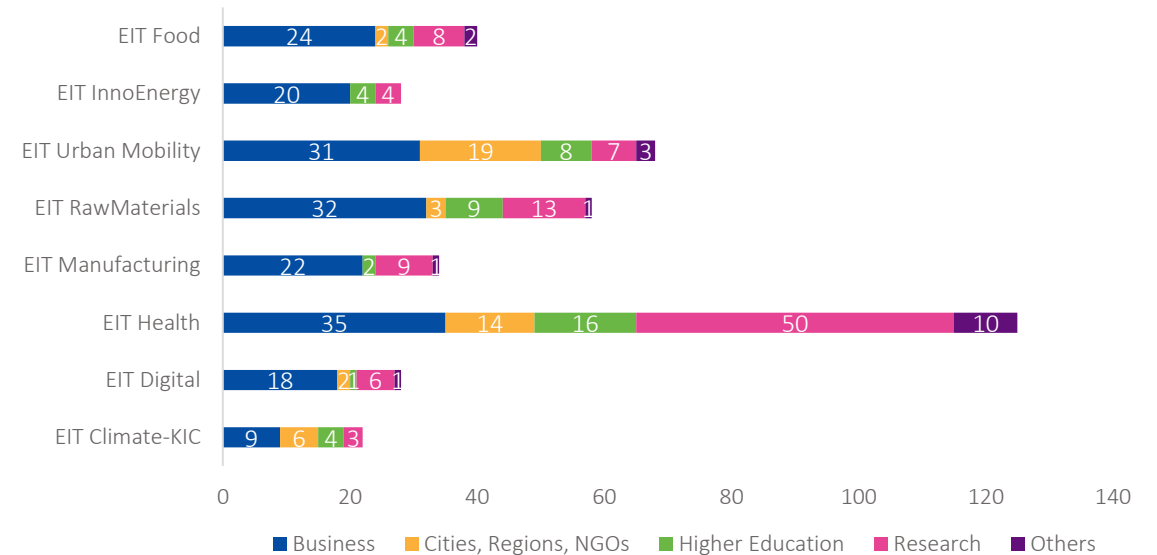


369 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Spain participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Close to 30% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

The Innitius logo is displayed in white text on a teal background.

Supported by EIT Health

## Improving the diagnostics of preterm labour

Innitius developed “Fine Birth”, an AI-powered point-of-care solution that reduces neonatal morbidity by improving the accuracy of preterm labour diagnostics.

Since 2016, EIT Health has supported the start-up at every step of its entrepreneurial journey. It was at the EIT Health co-organised CRAASH Barcelona in 2019 that Innitius was transformed from a science project to a medical device start-up.

Through conferences and immersion weeks across Europe and the US, the team gained insights into how the global marketplace works and developed valuable connections with industry frontrunners like Samsung.



A year later, with the help of EIT Health’s Gold Track workshops, the start-up devised a comprehensive product strategy. At the same time, the Headstart grant of EIT Health provided crucial financial support to prepare Innitius for clinical trials. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to 55,768 Euros.

The start-up participated in the 2021 EIT Health Catapult programme, too. As semi-finalist, the team had the chance to work with a mentor on fine-tuning the business plan and preparing for meetings with top-level investors. Since its launch, Innitius has raised over EUR 5.5 million through investment and support from private institutions.

*Exposing the project to top European partners and industry profiles has certainly been an experience that has helped us to strengthen processes, adapt our development plan, and reduce the risks associated with the project.*

*Rubén Molina, CEO and Co-founder, Innitius*

### Prizes

Premios EmprendedorXXI en País Vasco 2020

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

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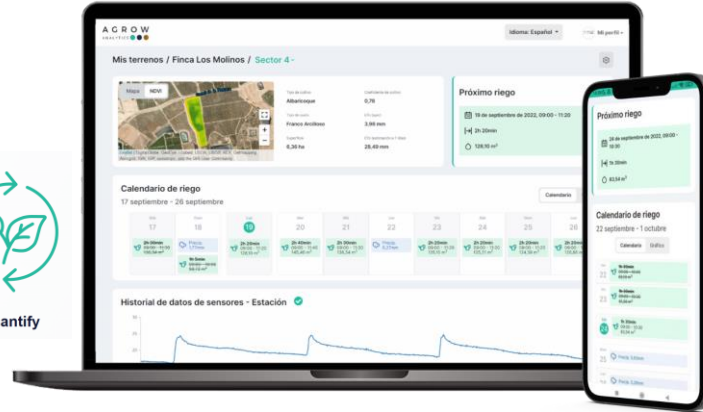
Irrigate



Monitor



Quantify



## Smart irrigation for resilient agriculture

The solution invented by **Agrow Analytics** allows farmers to make better decisions with real-time and predictive information about irrigation. By calculating with inputs from satellites, meteorological stations and client-specific data, Agrow's tool provides information about how, when and where to irrigate, leading to an average of 30% less water use.

In 2021, Agrow participated in InnoWise Scale, an EIT Community initiative led by EIT Food, supporting top water entrepreneurs for over three months through tailored matchmaking, mentoring and training sessions. Through the programme, Agrow Analytics could grow the team's skillset and fine-tune its product with the help of top business and water experts from all over Europe.

At the end of the final pitching competitions, Agrow secured the Special Prize, a EUR 30 000 voucher to implement a demo activity together with SanLucar Group.

Building on the experience of the first pilot, Agrow successfully replicated the proposal and helped its first official client reduce its water consumption by 20%.

As a member of the EIT FoodHIVE, EIT Food's networking community, Agrow can count on the support of Europe's largest innovation network to propel its growth further.

*There are very good professionals that gave us the right tools at the right moment. We definitely recommend you to participate (in InnoWise Scale by EIT Food).*

*Antonella Maggioni, CEO, Agrow Analytics*



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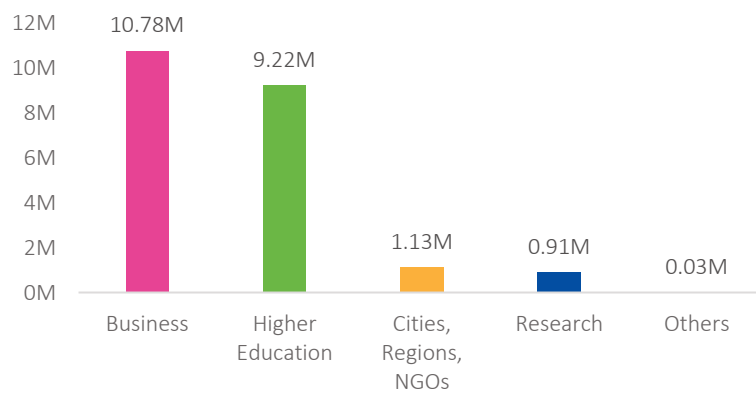
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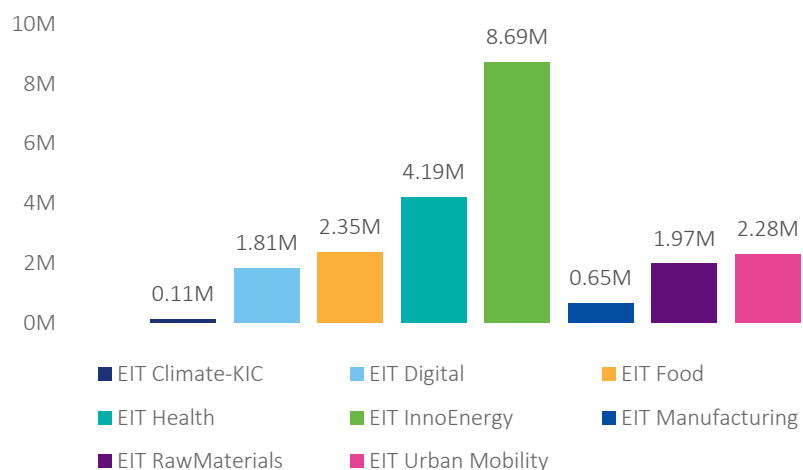
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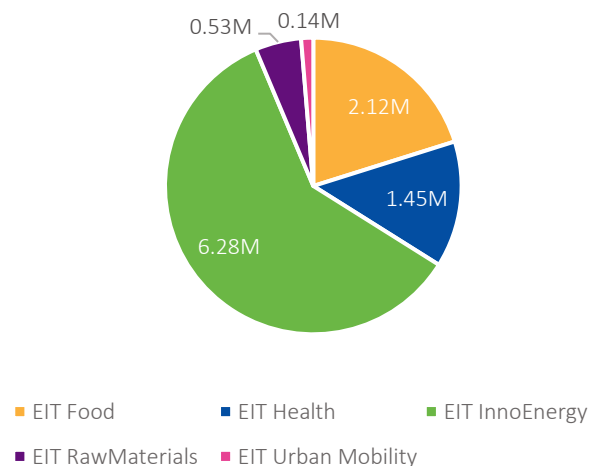


Sweden received a total of **EUR 22.07 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.26 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Swedish organisations via eight EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 10.78 million) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 10.51 million to support Swedish SMEs, mainly under EIT InnoEnergy.

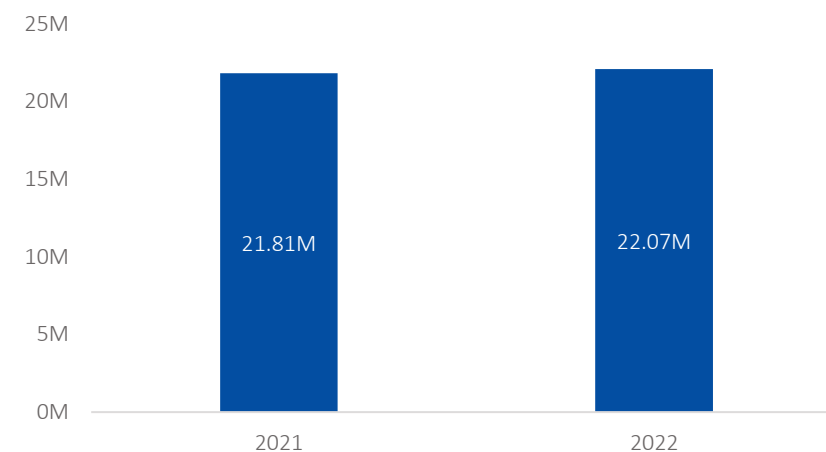
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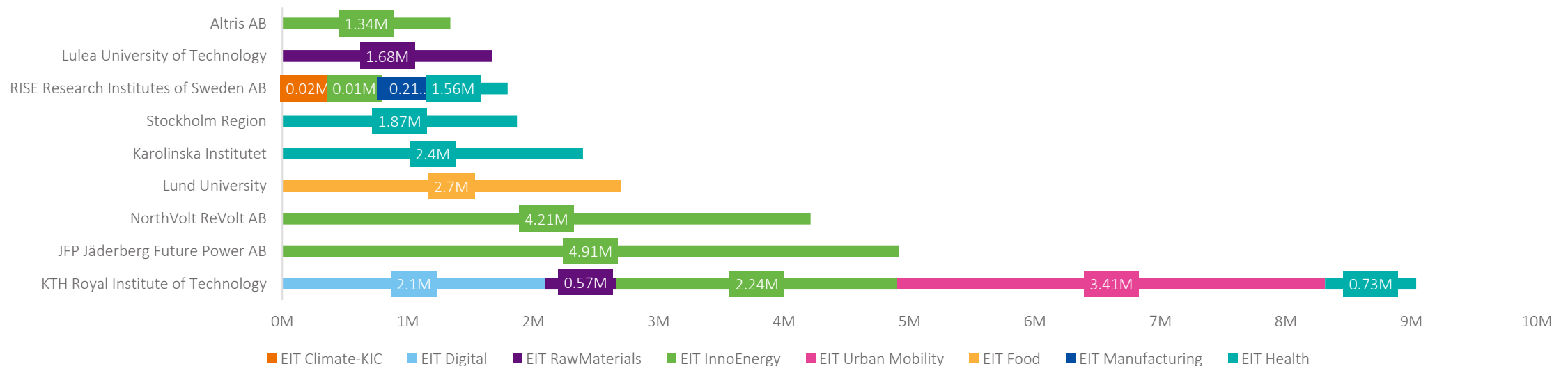
# EIT COMMUNITY IN SWEDEN



## In 2021-22:

- 147 Swedish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 28 Swedish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 525.17 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Sweden.
- 43 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 148 Swedish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 148 Swedish graduates, 105 are men and 43 are women.
- 1100+ Swedish participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

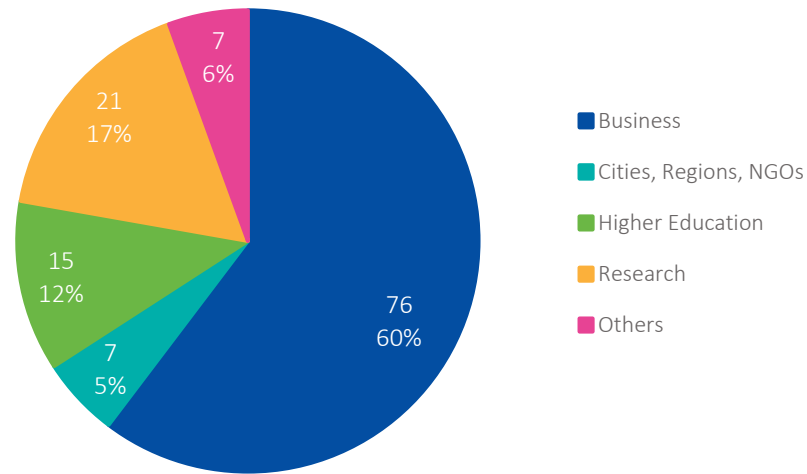
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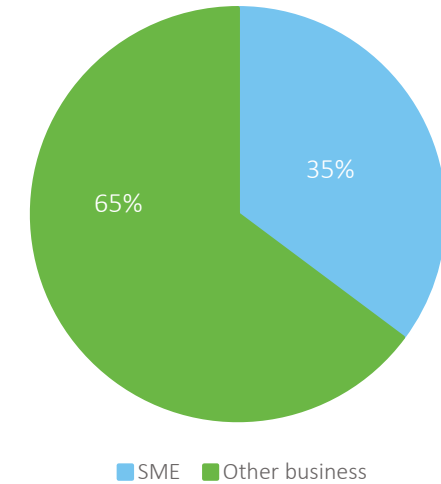
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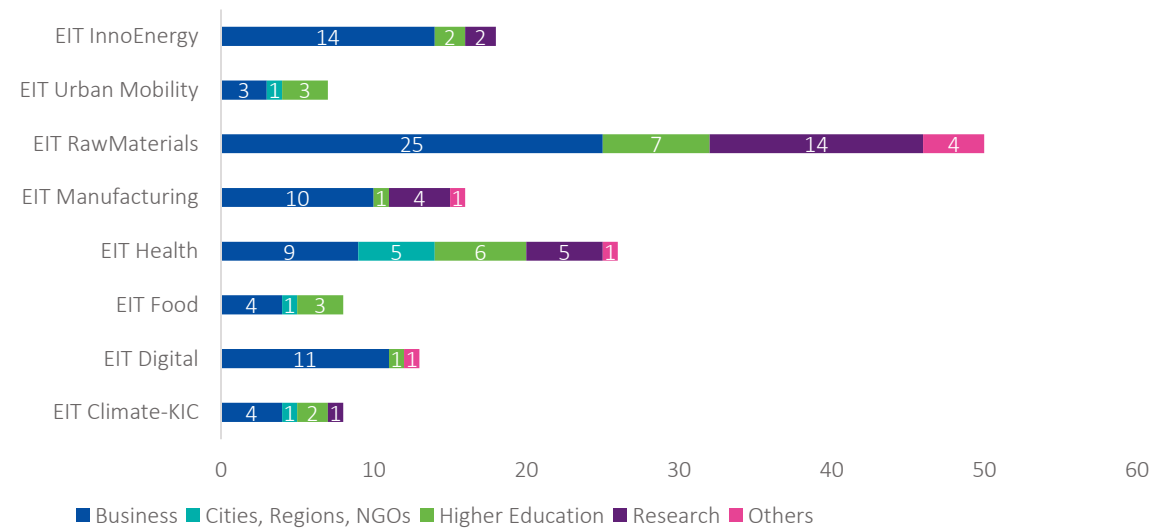


126 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Sweden participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 35% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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Peafowl Plasmonics

*Empowering game-changing deep tech innovation*



“We were introduced to EIT by Uppsala University Innovation, and we decided to join them as they are an important actor in providing support for companies within the energy sector. EIT’s initial financial support and entrepreneurial guidance was crucial in securing sequential funding.”

Cristina Paun, Co-founder & IP manager of Peafowl Plasmonics

Imagine a Kindle that will never need to be charged via cable. Instead, it will have a transparent cell on top of the screen. This is the vision of Peafowl Plasmonics, a deep tech start-up on a mission to create photovoltaic cells using plasmonic nanomaterials that can be applied to any surface.

EIT Climate-KIC was Peafowl Plasmonics’ first investor and has firmly supported the company’s growth since the beginning. Between 2018 and 2019, the grants offered by EIT Climate-KIC helped the start-up secure the patent and funded the equipment needed to test the solar cells in the product.

They also covered a team member’s living expenses, so that he could work full time on the innovation.

In 2021, the company participated in the EIT Climate-KIC Clean Cities ClimAccelerator, which opened new doors to investors and partners and delivered another boost to the business model.

In just four years, the innovation received several awards and garnered the interest of major electronic device manufacturers and investors, raising an impressive EUR 5 million in total.



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT RawMaterials



## Widefind

### *Accelerating innovation in the heavy industry*

Widefind's expertise lies in ultra-wideband (UWB) technology, which can precisely determine the distance, movements and positions of machines and people, making it possible, for instance, to warn people getting too close to dangerous machines or areas.

Since 2019, EIT RawMaterials has been supporting the Luleå-based team of researchers and engineers, who benefitted from the funding and matchmaking of the 2019 Booster Call. The team went on to participate in the Accelerator programme in 2020, joining the first cohort of graduates.



During the pandemic, Widefind would not have been able to survive without the additional funding from EIT RawMaterials' Covid-19 Booster grant.

The start-up also received investment from EIT RawMaterials Innovation Hub North, helping the team further develop the business model.

2022 marked an acquisition success for the Hub and the company, as Widefind was acquired by Mobilaris Industrial Solutions, a specialist of tools that help avoid workplace accidents in industrial settings.

"Through the EIT RawMaterials consortium, we were introduced to some of the companies that would play a big part in our growth as partners and early customers. Thanks to the support from EIT RawMaterials, we got access to the right kind of people and got the sway we needed.

We have been through all three phases of the EIT RawMaterials' acceleration program and gained a lot of support and know-how through that process that we, as first-time founders and young entrepreneurs, really needed. I want to shout out to the program's coaches, they were highly knowledgeable and professional, as were EIT RawMaterial's business developers."

Markus Sjölund, CEO of Widefind

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# EIT COMMUNITY IN ICELAND

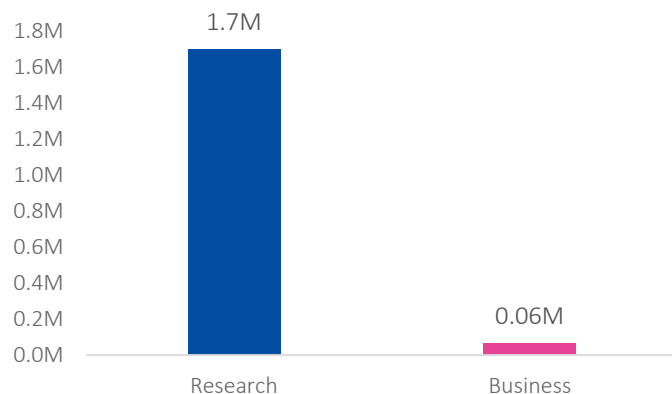
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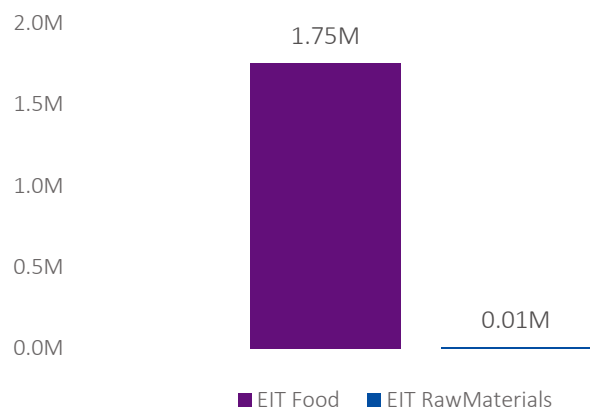
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

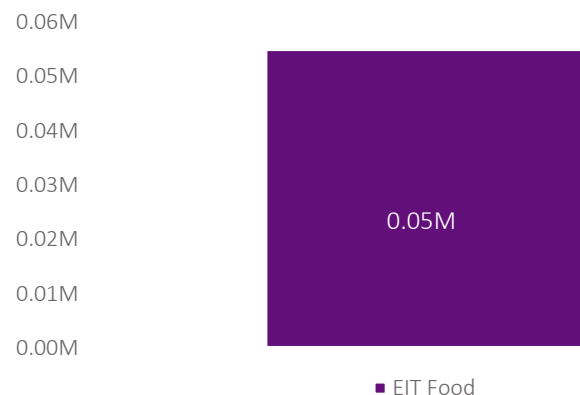


Iceland received a total of **EUR 1.76 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.46 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Icelandic organisations via two EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.7 million) was dedicated to research related activities. The funding included EUR 0.05 million to support Icelandic SMEs under EIT Food.

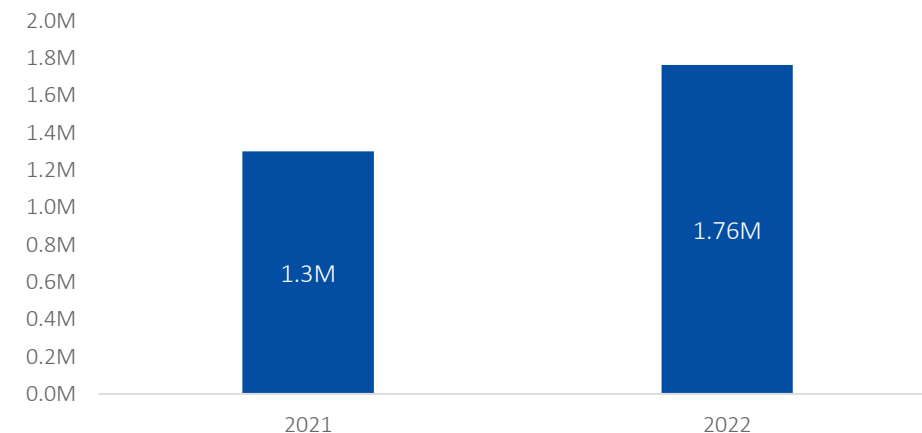
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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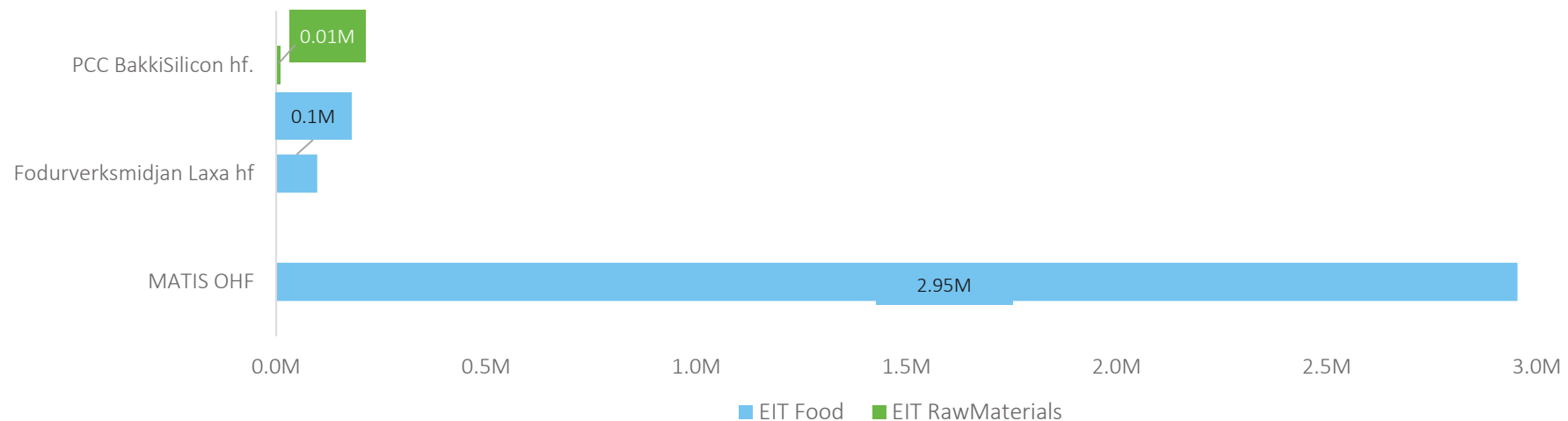
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ICELAND



## In 2021-22:

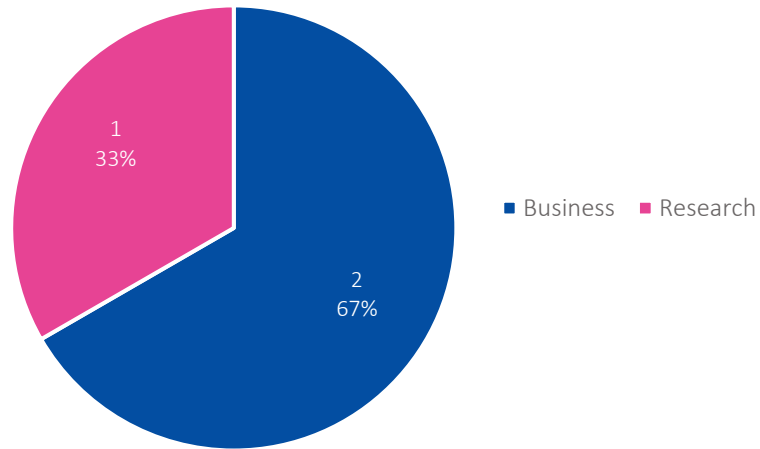
- 6 Icelandic start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 1 woman entrepreneur from Iceland received support from the EIT.
- EUR 29.2 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Iceland.
- 2 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 11 Icelandic participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

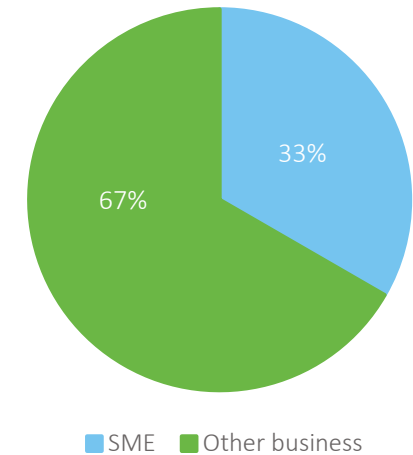


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

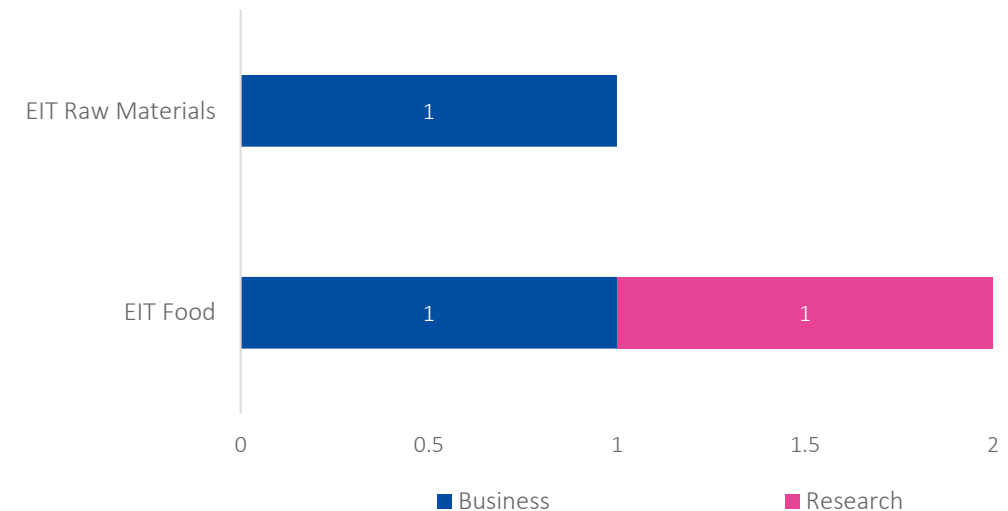


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



3 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Iceland participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent two areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 1 of the partner organisations is an SME. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

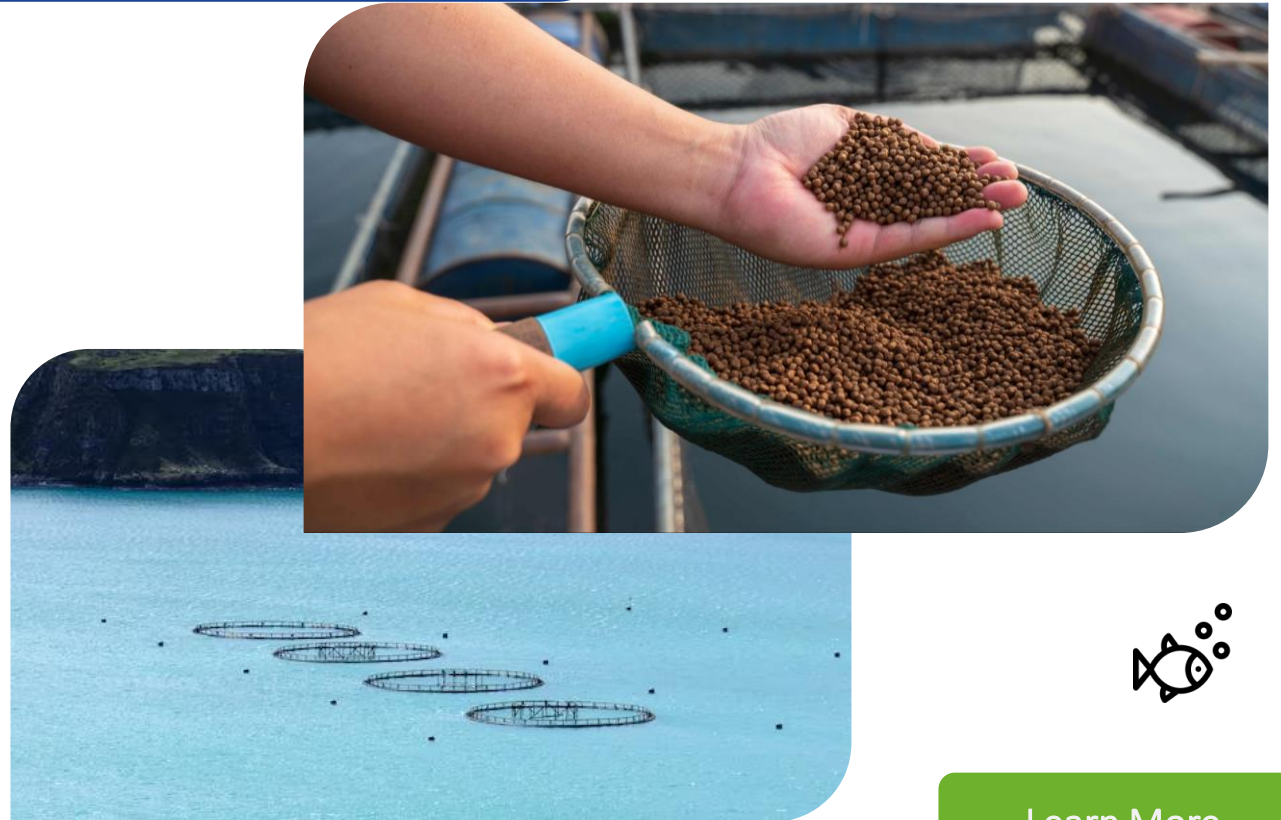
## Metamorphosis

### *Enhanced insect protein for sustainable aquaculture with EIT Food*

Metamorphosis is an EIT Food supported project which set out to explore how insects could be used as healthy, sustainable aquaculture feeds instead of ingredients such as soy which typically have high carbon footprints.

For this initiative, EIT Food brought together three innovative institutes, creating a powerful consortium of complementary knowledge, skills and capabilities. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 300 000.

Led by Matis, an Icelandic food research institute, Metamorphosis has led to the development of an innovative and sustainable aquaculture feed ingredient called METAFEED Alpha, which can help satisfy the growing demand for protein rich raw ingredients in aquafeed in a sustainable way.



As a next step, the scaling of the technology developed is underway which promises large-scale production of eco-friendly aquafeed, ensuring a brighter future for fish farming. Thanks to Metamorphosis, fish farmers can embrace sustainable insect-based feed and reduce their impact on the environment.

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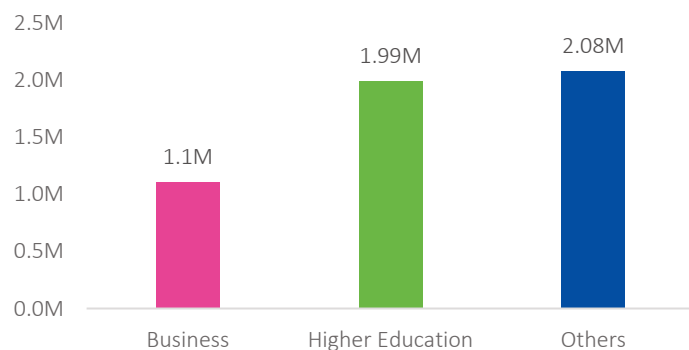
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL

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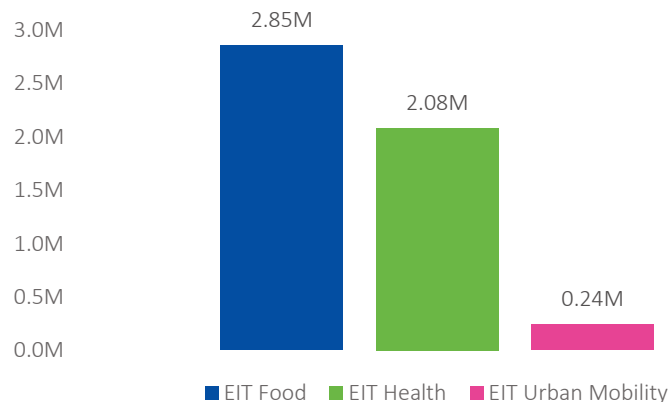
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

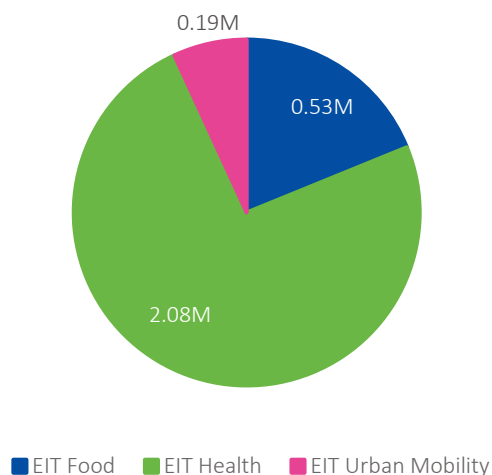


Israel received a total of **EUR 5.18 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.23 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Israeli organisations via three EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 1.99 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 2.8 million to support Israeli SMEs, mainly under EIT Health.

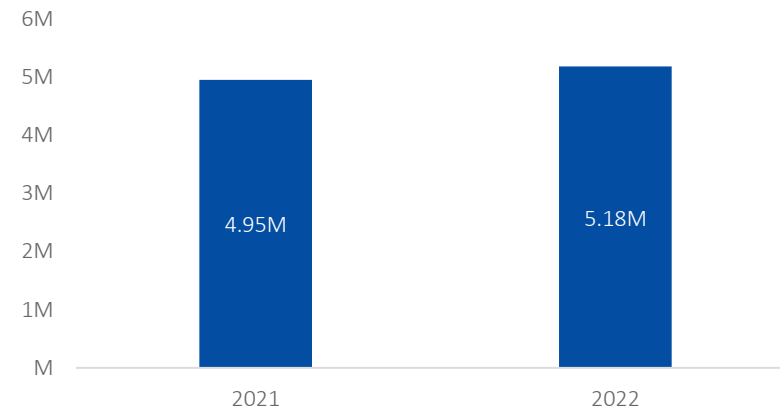
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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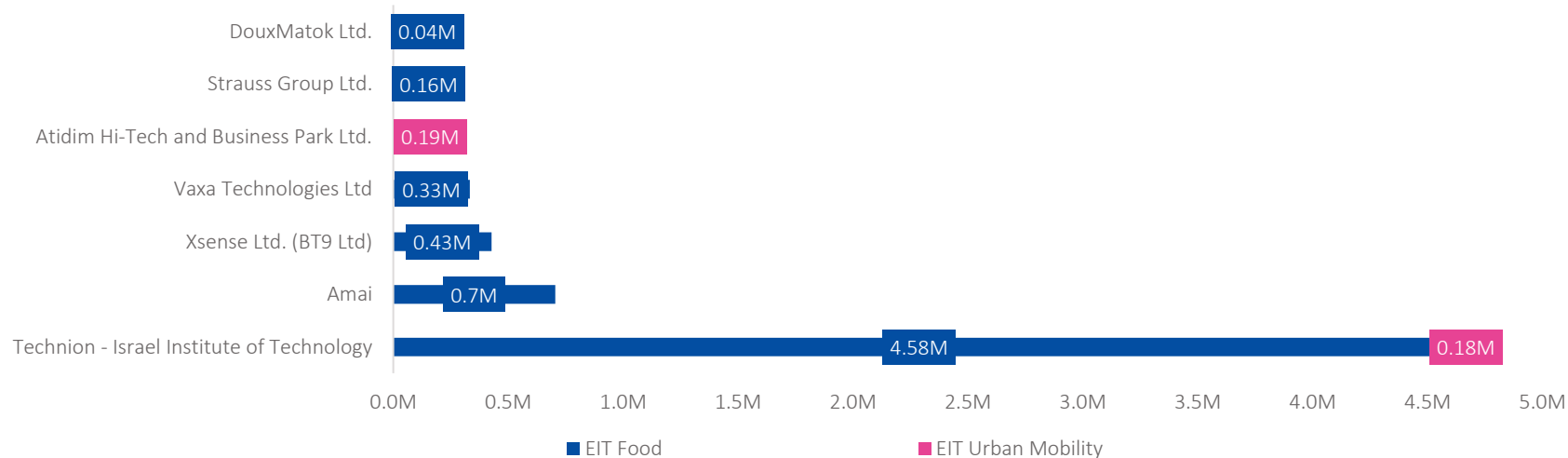
# EIT COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL



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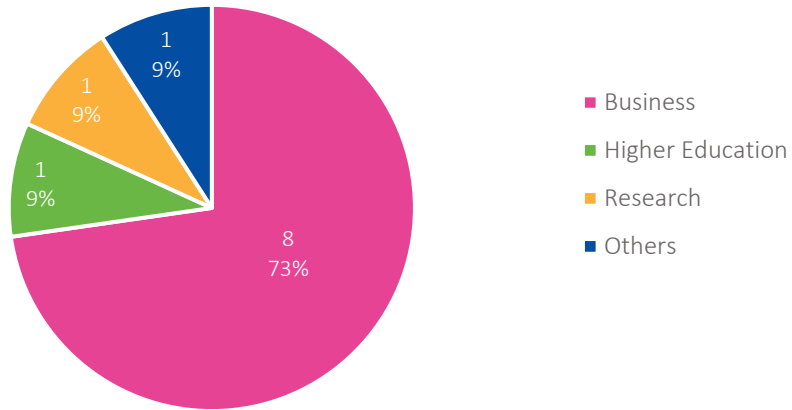
- 63 Israeli start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 10 women entrepreneurs from Israel received support from the EIT.
- 5 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- EUR 332.55 million of investment was attracted by the start-ups supported by EIT KICs.
- 540+ Israeli participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)

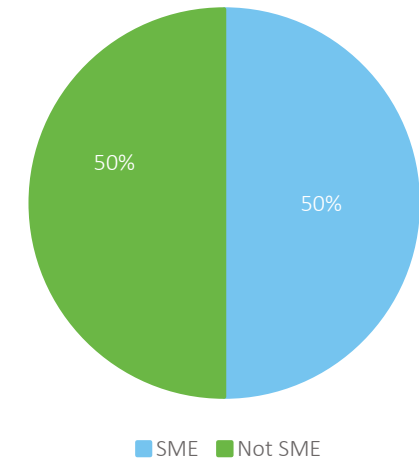


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area  
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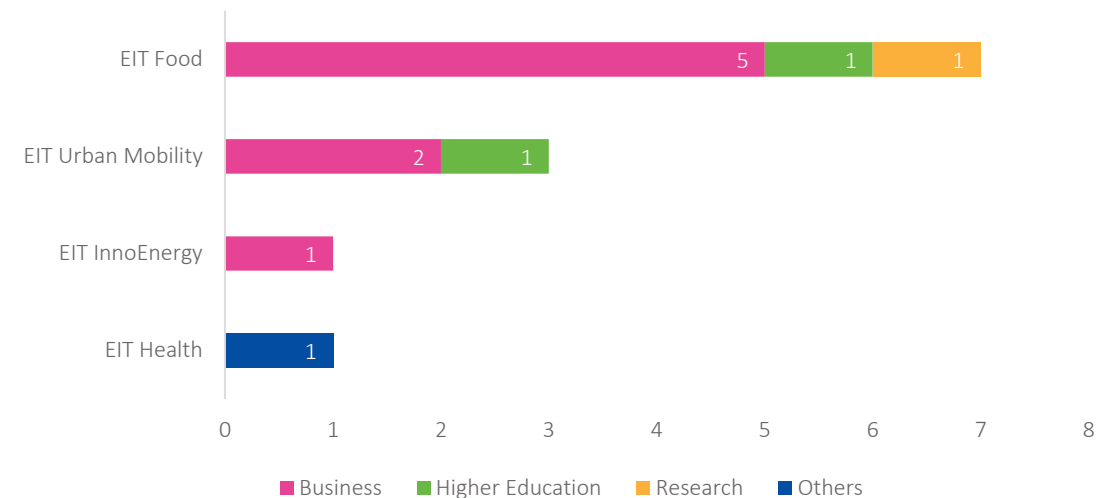


Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



11 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Israel participate in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Half of them are SMEs. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



**Incredosugar™** Sugar offers a healthier sweetening alternative than traditional sugar by reaching the taste receptors more efficiently, allowing for a sugar reduction of up to 40% without affecting sweetness.

In 2015, Incredosugar became one of the first members of EIT Food's first RisingFoodStars Association, a network for game-changing early agrifood scaleups. With the help of other network partners, Incredosugar, which was at the time known as DouxMatok, could develop and test its sweetener together with food production partners for the first time, leading to the creation of new products that consumers loved.



The company has also benefitted from EIT Food's support through the Consumer Trust Grand Challenge project during 2020-2022. Led by the University of Reading and financed by EIT Food with EUR 699 780 (with approx. 30 000 allocated to Incredosugar), the project allowed the start-up to gain consumer insights and adjust its marketing strategy accordingly.

EIT Food's early support paved the way for the successful commercial launch of the company in 2022, followed by a series C funding round of EUR 30 million in 2023.

"[Being a RisingFoodStar] helped us to go through the development process with big companies. What we experienced before is that big companies would ask us for a sample, we would send it, and the next thing we got was a telephone call either saying "it's great" or "it's useless". We were never able to see what exactly was done with the sample. For the first time we were able to be involved in the full process."

Eran Baniel, CEO and Co-Founder of Incredosugar



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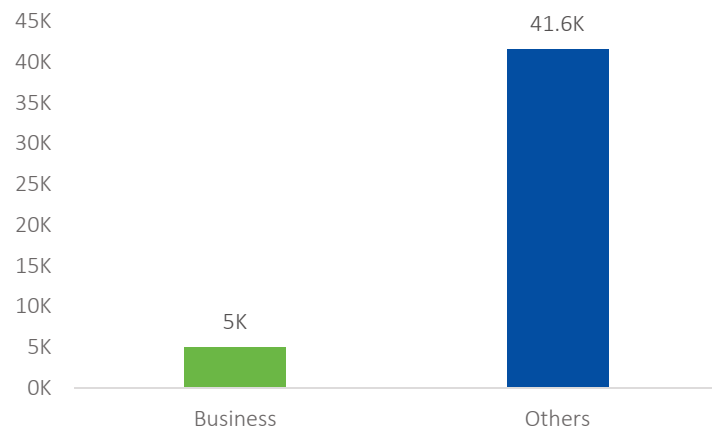
# EIT COMMUNITY IN MONTENEGRO

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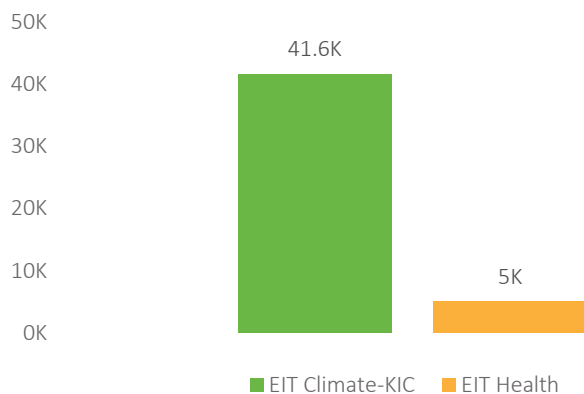
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

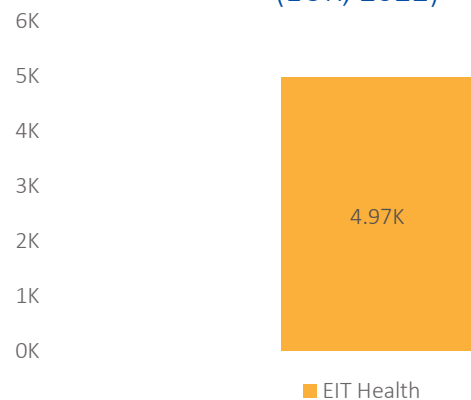


Montenegro received a total of EUR 46 600 in EIT grants in 2022.\* It was directed to Montenegrin organisations via two EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022, with the largest share (EUR 41 600) dedicated to the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro. The funding included EUR 4 973 to support Montenegrin SMEs via EIT Health.

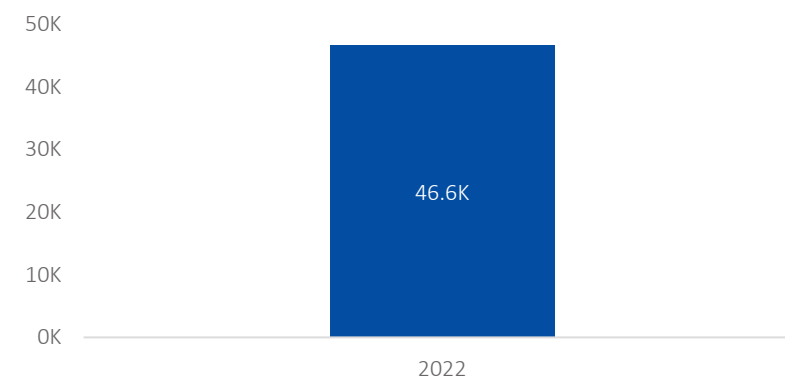
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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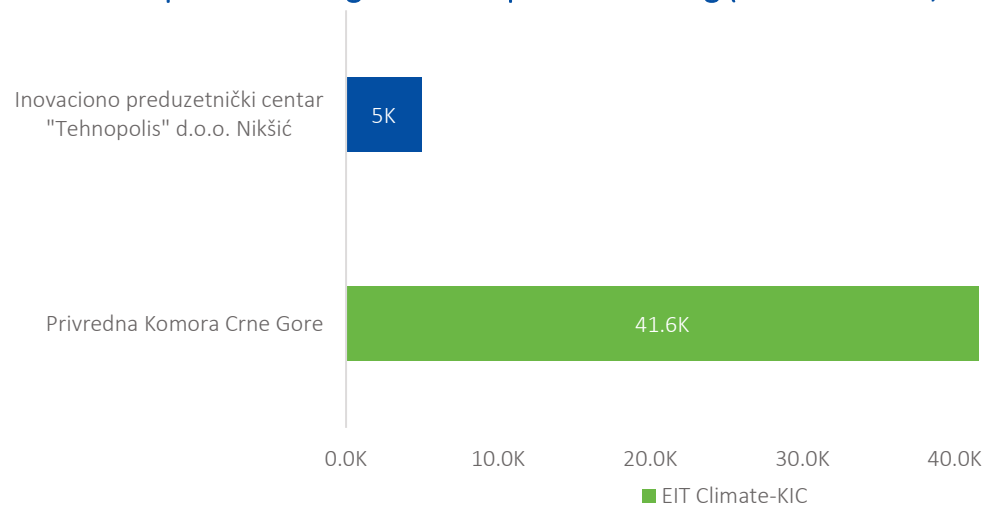
# EIT COMMUNITY IN MONTENEGRO



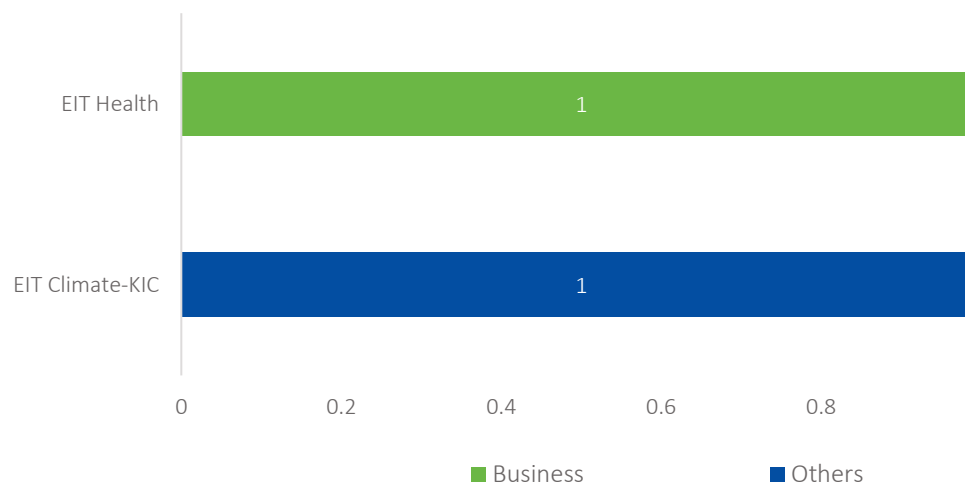
## In 2022:

- 2 Montenegrin start-ups were created by the EIT.
- 116 Montenegrin residents participated in non-labelled EIT education and training programmes.
- 2 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Montenegro participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022.\*
- They represent two areas of operation and one of them is an SME.

Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR thousand, 2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



# INNOVATION JOURNEY



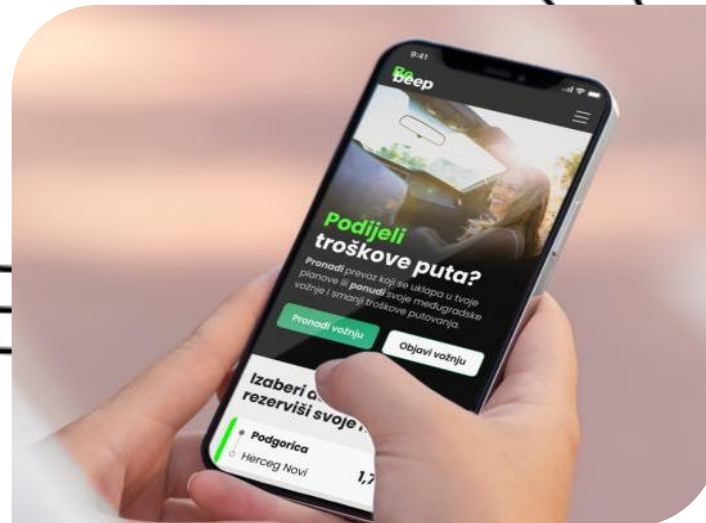
Bebeep

*Carpooling empowered by EIT Urban Mobility*

**Bebeep** is a carpooling platform that enables travelers in the Balkan region to access transportation easier, reduce their carbon footprints and save money on long-distance trips by sharing costs.

The team applied for the 2022 edition of EIT Jumpstarter, one of the EIT Community's flagship programmes helping idea-holders from the Central-Eastern and Southern-European regions turn their ideas into businesses.

As part of the pre-acceleration, BeBeep received training sessions from the EIT Urban Mobility RIS Hub Portugal in Lisbon and coaching from the EIT Urban Mobility RIS Hub Greece, gaining valuable insights that allowed the team to hone its business strategy.



After months of training sessions with coaches and external mentors, BeBeep's team had the chance to put their lessons into practice and pitch live in front of a jury at the 2022 EIT Jumpstarter Grand Final, where the start-up won the 2nd prize in the urban mobility category.

Thanks to the grant of EUR 7 000 provided by the EIT and the EIT Community's support, BeBeep could launch its cost-effective, eco-friendly ridesharing platform.



Awards

2<sup>nd</sup> prize EIT Jumpstarter  
Grand Final Urban  
Mobility category (2022)

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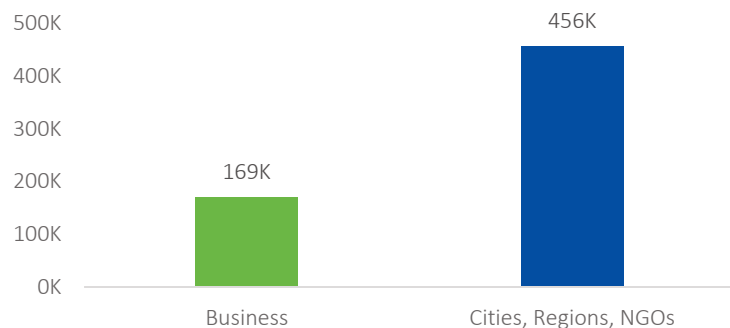
# EIT COMMUNITY IN NORTH MACEDONIA

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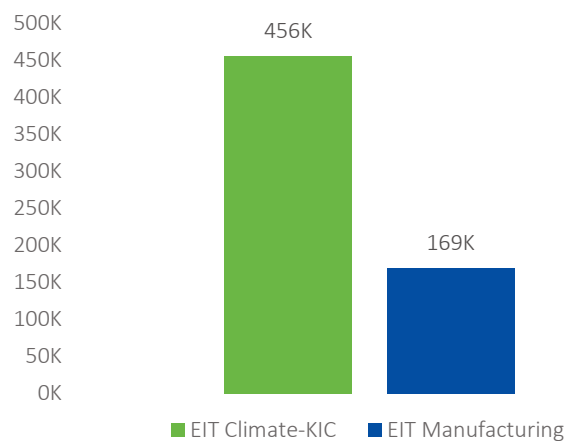
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

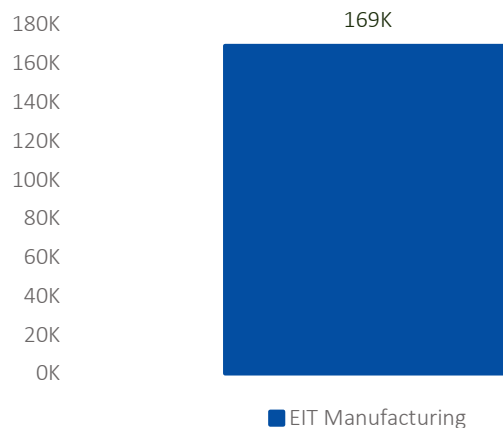


North Macedonia received a total of **EUR 625 000** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 408 000 higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to North Macedonian organisations via two EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 456 000) was dedicated to cities, regions, and NGOs. The funding included EUR 169 000 to support North Macedonian SMEs under EIT Manufacturing.

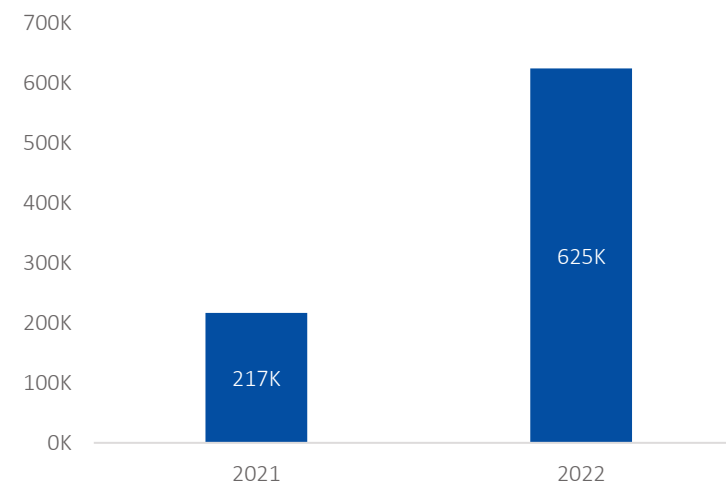
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EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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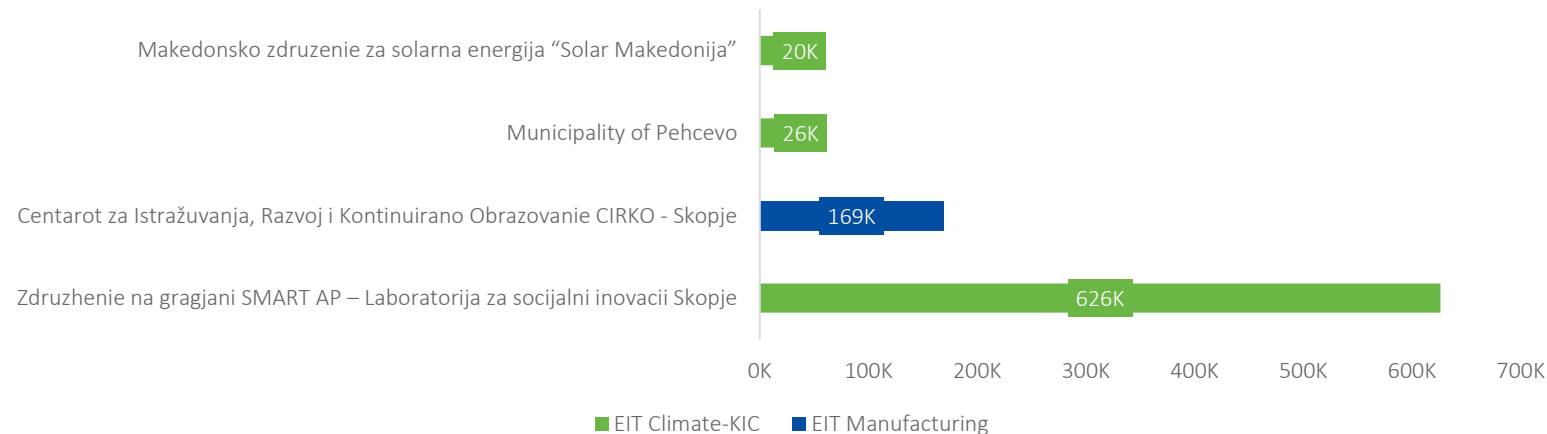
# EIT COMMUNITY IN NORTH MACEDONIA



## In 2021-22:

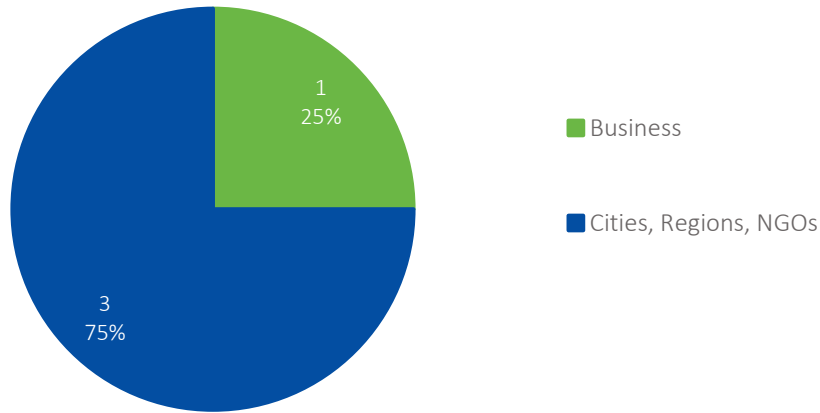
- 3 North Macedonian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 2 start-ups were created with the support of the EIT in North Macedonia.
- 1 EIT-supported innovation was launched on the market.
- 1 North Macedonian resident graduated from EIT Label programmes (Masters or PhDs).
- Ca. 1350 North Macedonian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



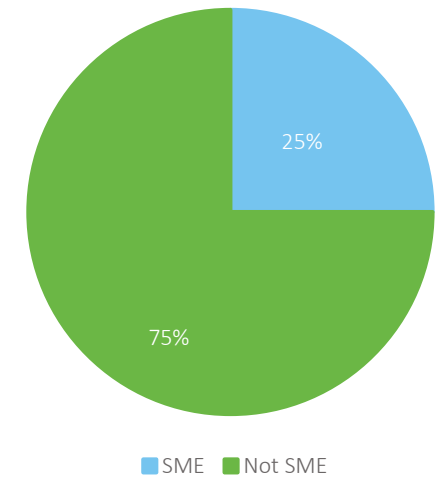
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area  
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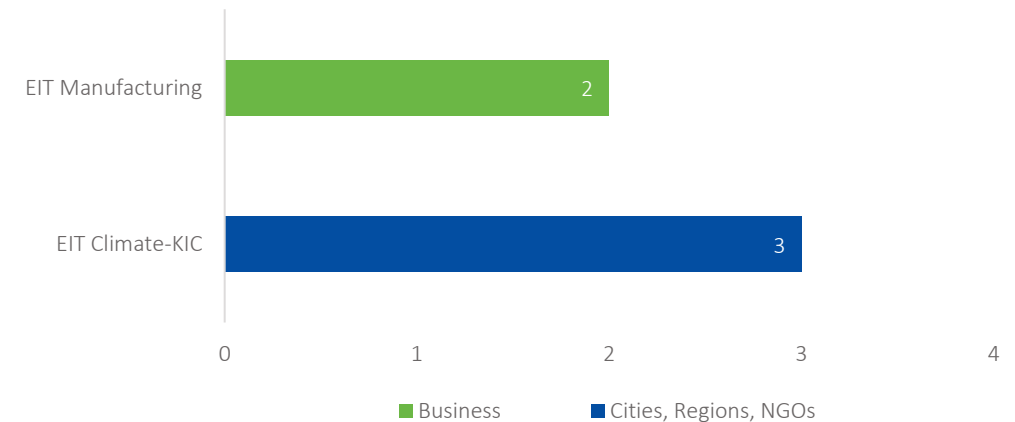


4 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from North Macedonia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent two areas of operation, the larger being cities, regions, and NGOs. 25% of them are SMEs. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of Business SMEs (2021-2022)



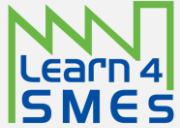
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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



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## Learn4SME

*Boosting digital readiness and skills in North Macedonia*

**Learn4SME** is an international project initiated by the Skopje-based Centre for Research, Development and Continuous Education (CIRKO LF) that aims to improve the digital proficiency of North Macedonian SMEs through upskilling.

The EIT Manufacturing RIS Hub in North Macedonia helped to bring the initiative to life. The hub supported the project with funding and by offering its expertise in developing learning factories, which are complex learning environments that contain replicas of real production systems so that participants can learn based on real-life experiences.

By joining forces with TU Wien, the Technical University of Vienna and Festo Learning Centre Saar, CIRKO LF launched the first-ever learning factory in North Macedonia in 2022,



offering vocational training on five different smart manufacturing solutions for students and the SMEs of the region.

In addition, the consortium has created a Lean Manufacturing 4.0 learning path with 11 different nuggets that have been developed and distributed with the help of EIT Manufacturing's Skill.move education platform.

CIRKO's pioneering approach received a warm welcome from local industry partners, with over 60 trainees participating in the inaugural workshop of the learning factory.

"Thanks to EIT, we were able to satisfy the need for trainings on Lean 4.0 in North Macedonia."

**Steffen Nixdorf**, Research Assistant at  
TU Wien & Activity Leader



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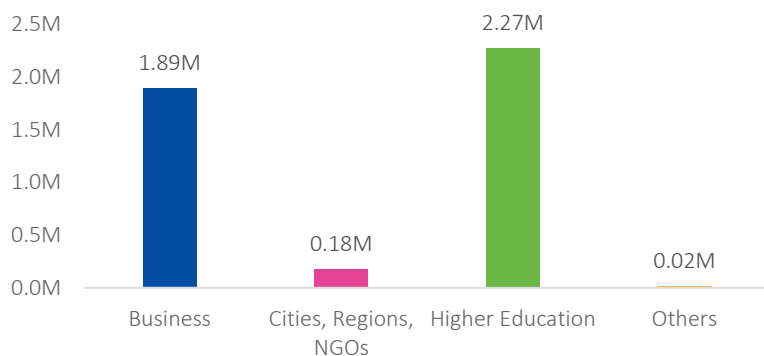
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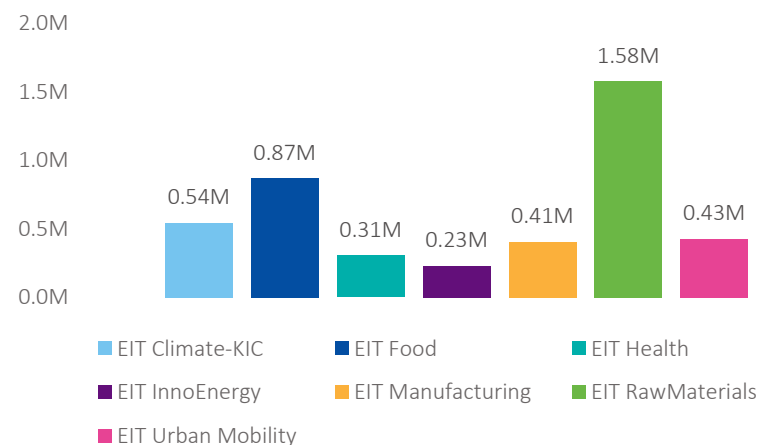
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

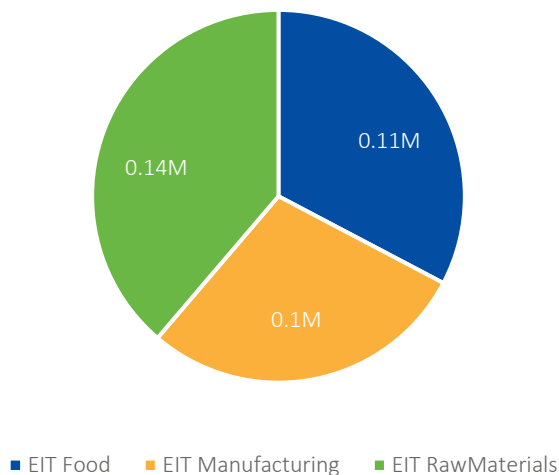


Norway received a total of **EUR 4.36 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 2.39 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Norwegian organisations via seven EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 2.27 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.35 million to support Norwegian SMEs under EIT Food, EIT Manufacturing and EIT RawMaterials.

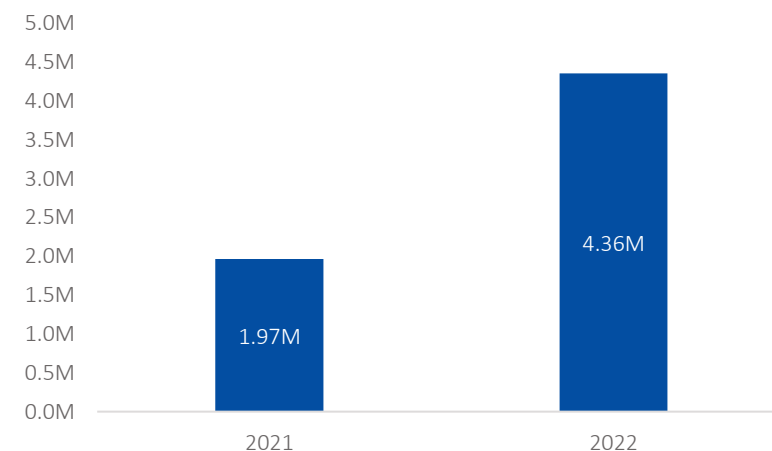
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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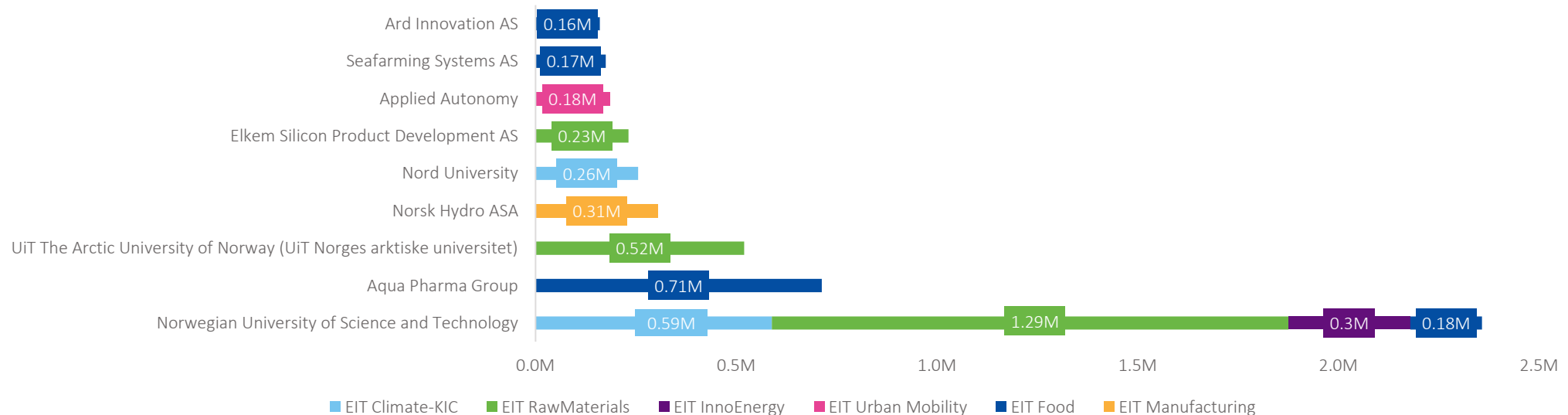
# EIT COMMUNITY IN NORWAY



## In 2021-22:

- 57 Norwegian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 9 Norwegian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 528.2 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Norway.
- 4 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 420+ Norwegian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.
- 2 Norwegian residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.

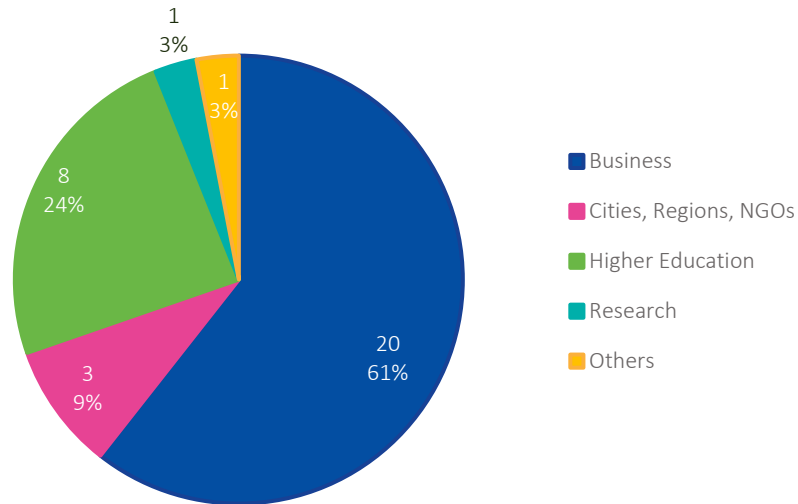
## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



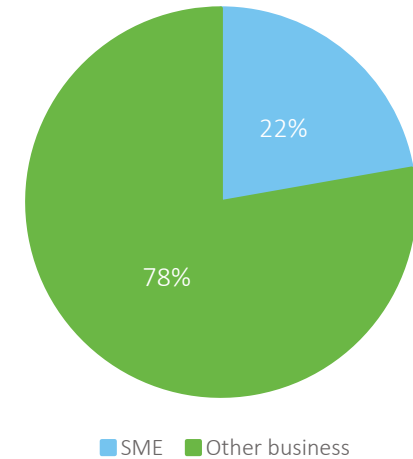


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

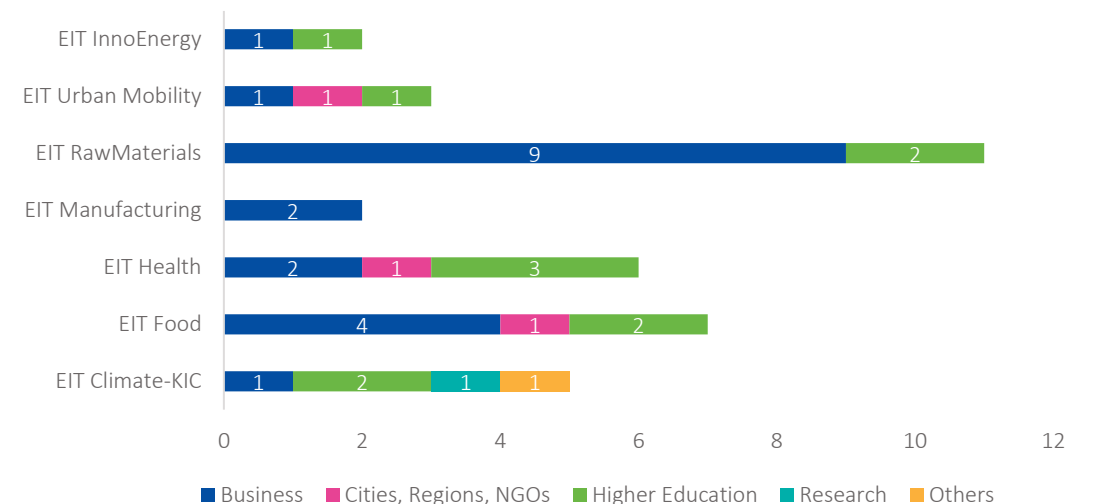


Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



33 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Norway participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. Over 20% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

## evoy

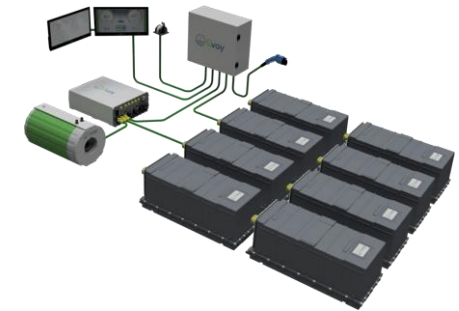
Evoy

*Scaling e-boat innovation with EIT Climate-KIC*

Evoy has created the world's fastest and most powerful e-boat motor system. The system reduces maintenance costs, ensures low noise and high safety, provides fast charging up to 300kW, and equips units with cloud-based service and software updates.

Evoy is determined to eliminate boat emissions (sound, fume, breakdown) through its smart electric propulsion systems with plug-and-play packages for new and used fast boats, thus creating total harmony with the landscape.

Evoy benefitted from the three stages of the EIT Climate-KIC Nordic Accelerator programme, which provided the company with tailored coaching and training and workshops to scale the potential of their game-changing electric propulsion system. Moreover, EIT Climate-KIC financially supported Evoy with EUR 45 000.



In 2023, Evoy secured EUR 6.4 million in a funding round, bringing the company's total funding to over EUR 17 million and accelerating its journey towards becoming the go-to brand worldwide for high-performance electric boating.

### Awards

- Scandinavian Business Awards 2021
- Nordic Start-Up Award 2019
- DRIV Award 2019

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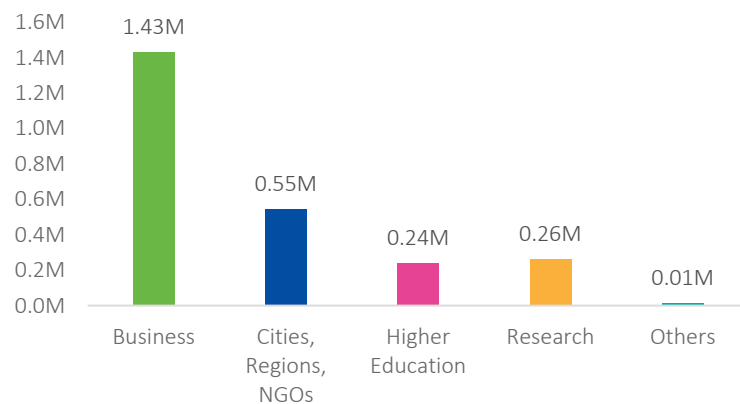
# EIT COMMUNITY IN SERBIA

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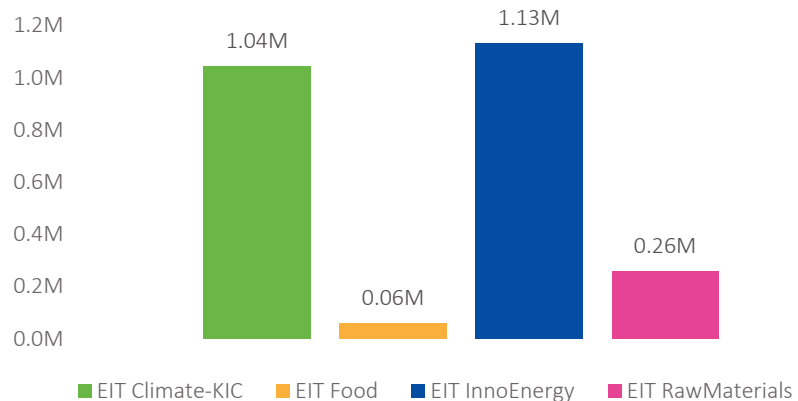
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

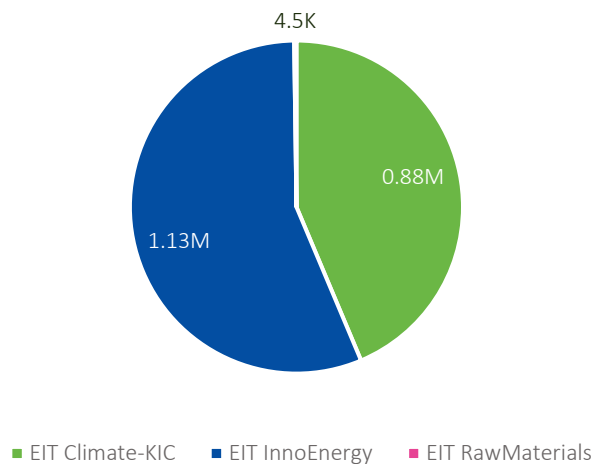


Serbia received a total of **EUR 2.49 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 1.69 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Serbian organisations via four EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 1.43 million each) was dedicated to business related activities. The funding included EUR 2.02 million to support Serbian SMEs, with EIT InnoEnergy as the largest contributor.

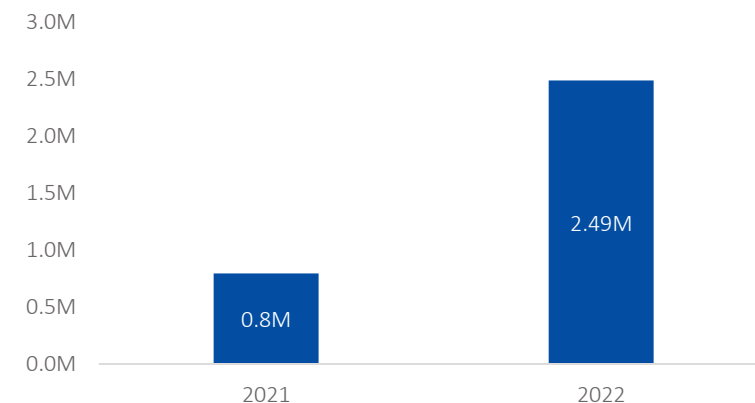
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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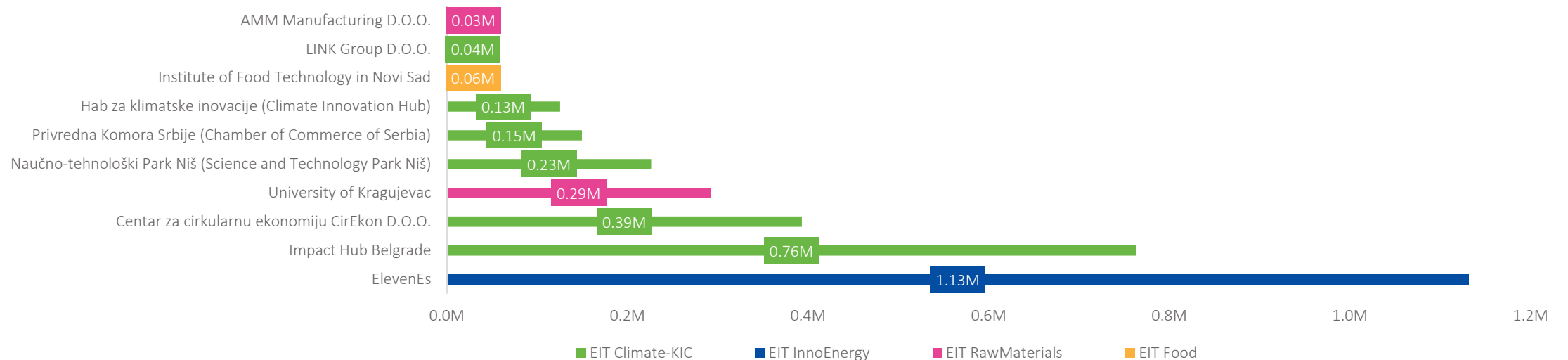
# EIT COMMUNITY IN SERBIA



## In 2021-22:

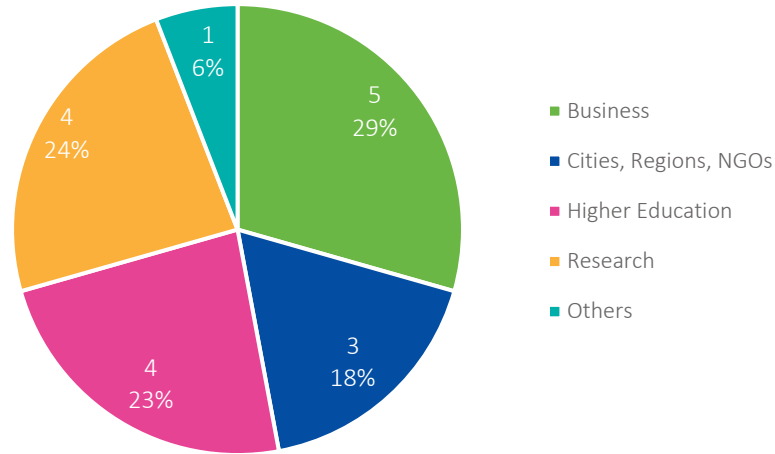
- 60 Serbian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 12 Serbian women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 5.15 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Serbia.
- 2 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 2 Serbian residents graduated from EIT Label Master programmes.
- Out of the 2 Serbian graduates, 1 is a man and 1 is a woman.
- 6300+ Serbian residents participated in non-labelled EIT education and training programmes.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



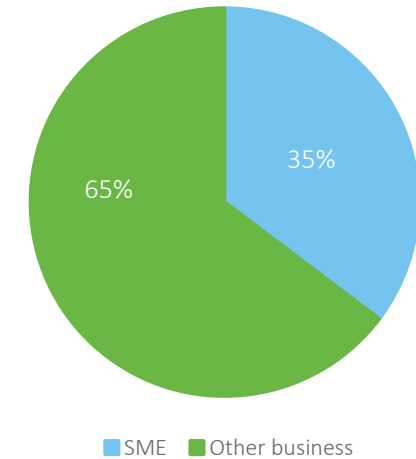
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

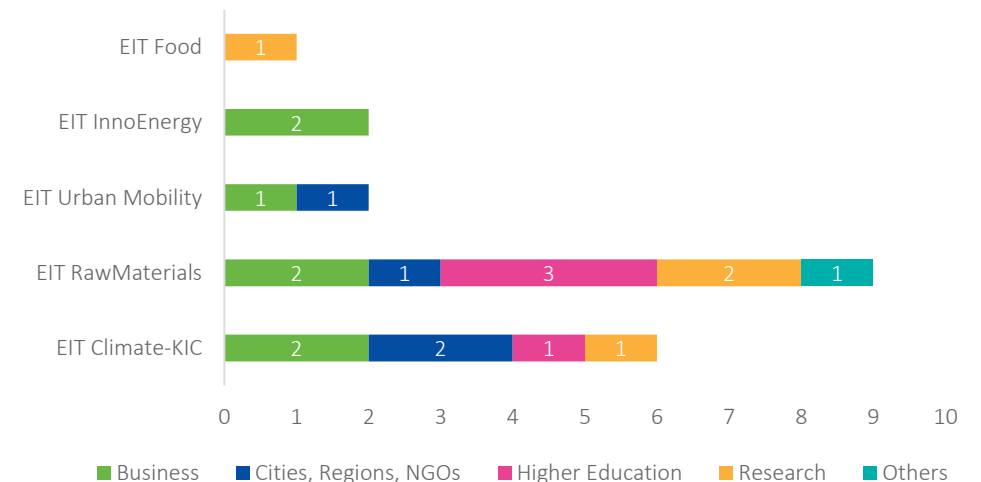


17 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Serbia participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent five areas of operation, the largest share being business organisations. 35% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



Supported by EIT Community

**Nsoilab**

*From the lab to the market with the EIT*

**Nsoilab** is a biotech start-up aiming to make agriculture more sustainable through innovative bio-based solutions. Their stand-out product, HydroNutriBoost, not only acts as a fertilizer and water retention solution, but also reduces irrigation needs, enhancing fertilization efficiency by 40%.

Nsoilab participated in three EIT Community-led initiatives: EIT InnoEnergy's Primer pre-acceleration programme and EIT Food's RIS Innovation Prize and Challenge Labs competitions.

Led by business development experts and mentors, the training sessions of the programmes equipped Nsoilab with crucial entrepreneurial skills from strategic and the legal, financial aspects of running a start-up all the way to customer relationships management and pitching to investors.



The support provided by the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities allowed the team of scientists to bridge the gap between scientific results and business opportunities and bring their research findings to the realm of business.

Thanks to the funding secured at the EIT Food Challenge Labs, the team can carry out field trials, a necessary step towards product registration and market entry.

*"The vast [offer] of programs and initiatives led by EIT was the reason to take part in several EIT programs and become a part of this large network with the main aim to expand my knowledge about business- and market-related aspects of innovation and knowledge transfer, but this experience has also provided me and our team with large network of contacts for further idea and company development, which I consider one of the most important benefits of being the part of the EIT network.."*

**Ivana Pajčin,**  
CEO of Nsoilab



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# EIT COMMUNITY IN TÜRKİYE

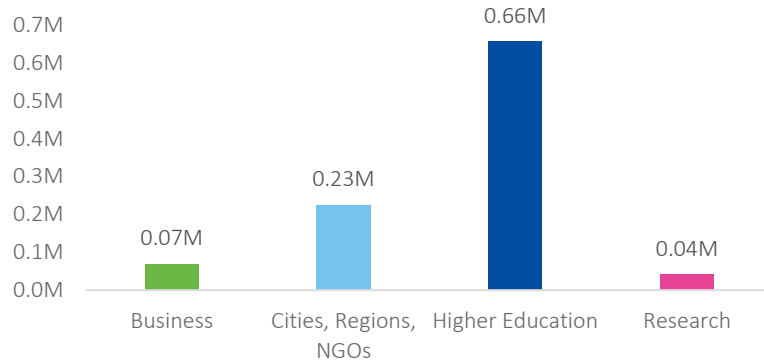
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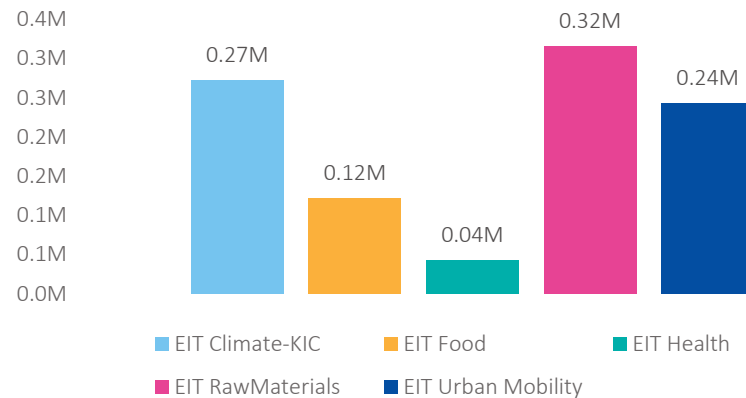
# EIT GRANTS 2022

EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)

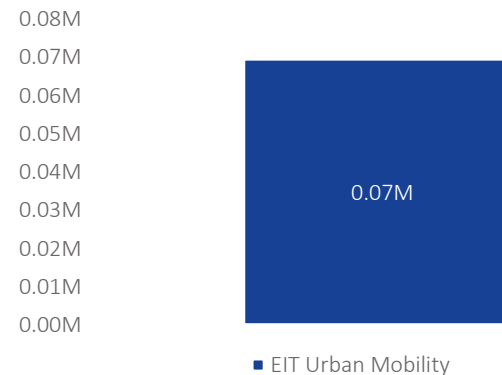


Türkiye received a total of **EUR 0.99 million** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 0.54 million higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Turkish organisations via five EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2022. The largest share (EUR 0.66 million) was dedicated to higher education related activities. The funding included EUR 0.07 million to support Turkish SMEs under EIT Urban Mobility.

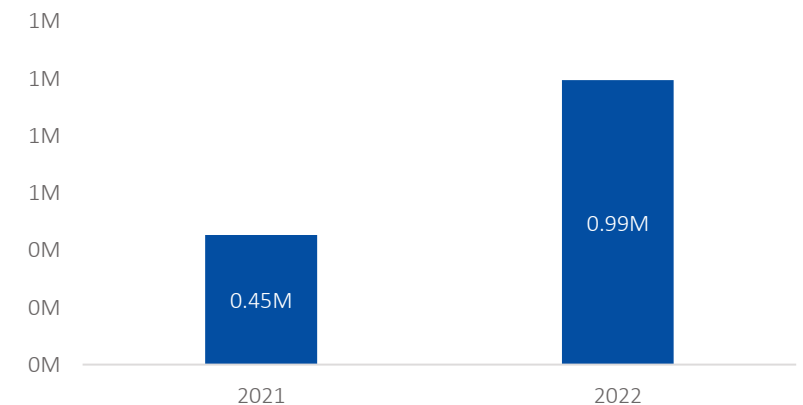
EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



EIT Grants to Business SMEs (EUR, 2022)



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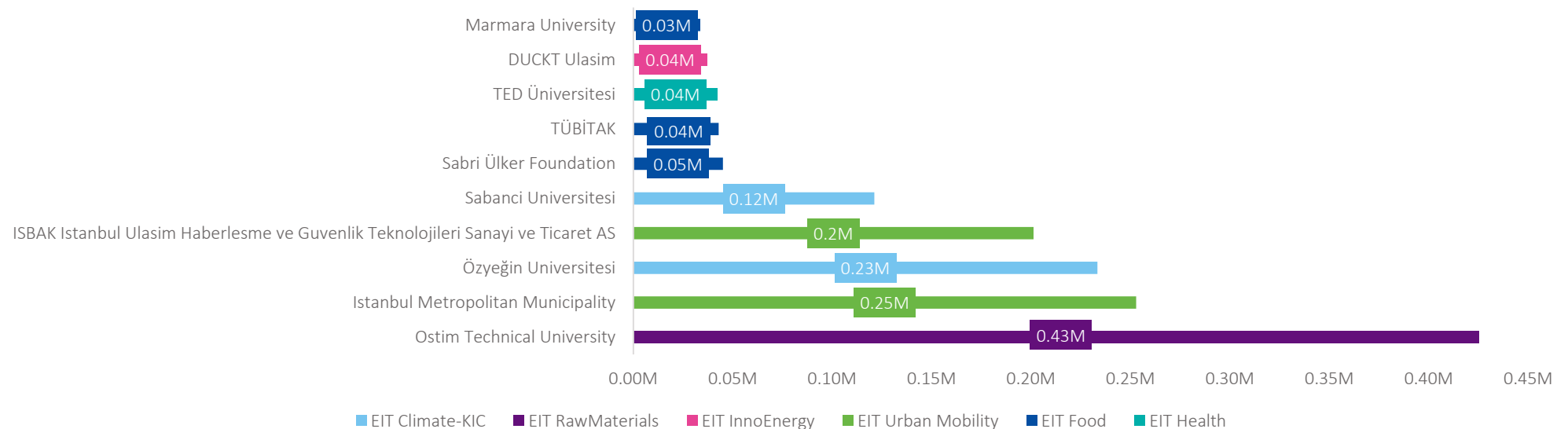
# EIT COMMUNITY IN TÜRKİYE



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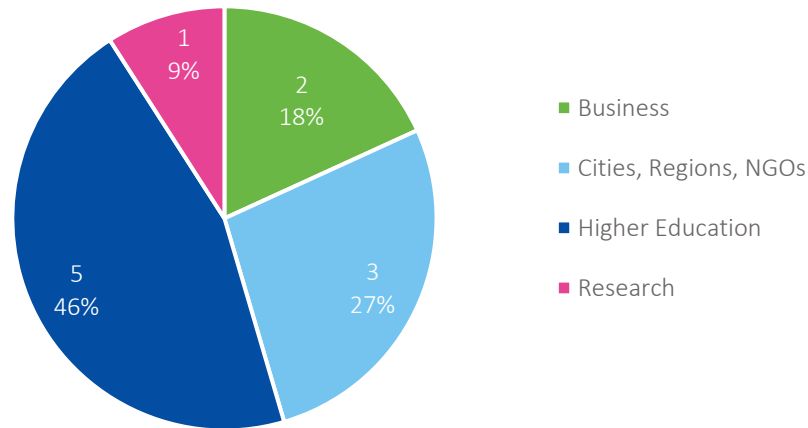
- 96 Turkish start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 29 Turkish women entrepreneurs received support from the EIT.
- EUR 3.34 million investment was attracted by EIT-supported ventures in Turkey.
- 3 EIT-supported innovations were launched on the market.
- 8 Turkish residents graduated from EIT-labelled MSc or PhD programmes.
- Out of the 8 Turkish graduates, 6 are men and 2 are women.
- 2030 Turkish participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Million, 2022)



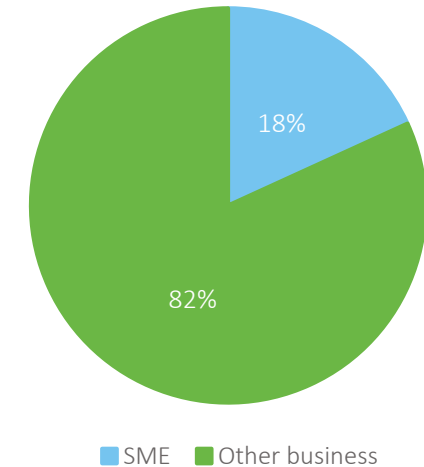
# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area (2021-2022)

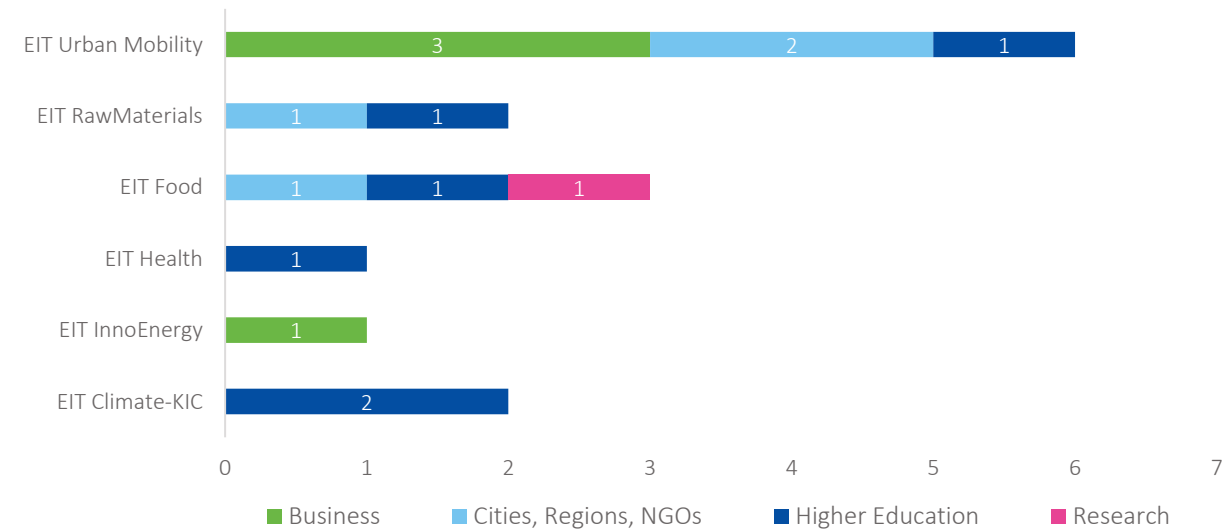


11 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Türkiye participated in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent four areas of operation, the largest share being higher education organisations. Close to 20% of them are SMEs. Some organisations take part in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

Share of SMEs (2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



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# INNOVATION JOURNEY



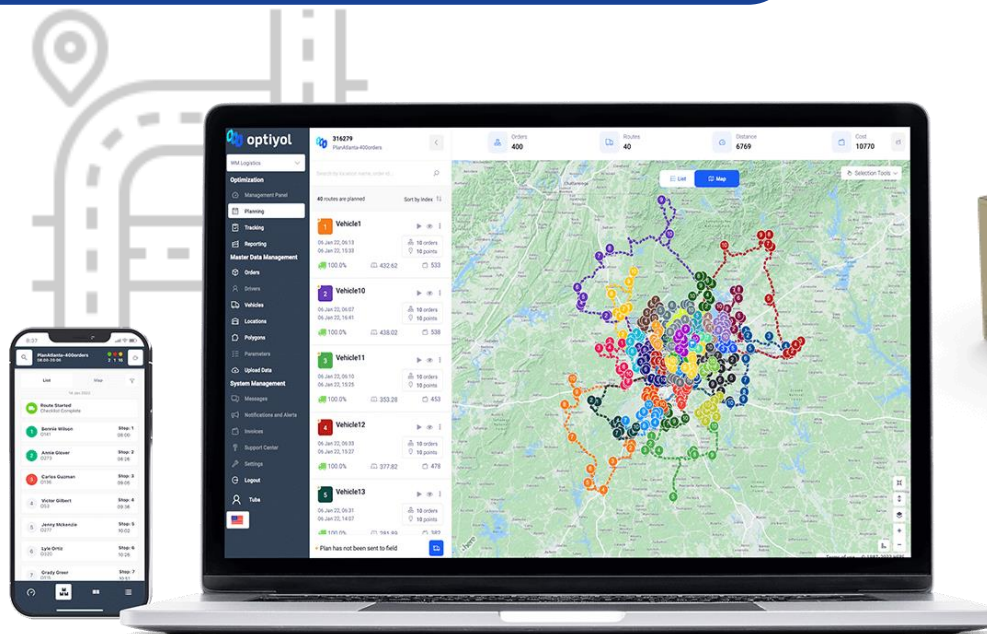
Supported by EIT Urban Mobility

Optiyol

*Optimising transportation planning*

Optiyol is a cloud-based delivery management solution that helps retailers and carriers optimise logistics with a route optimisation engine and a driver app. Compared to traditional methods, Optiyol reduces last-mile transportation costs by 20% and improves on-time delivery rates by 30%.

In 2022, EIT Urban Mobility selected the start-up for the Sustainable City Logistics Accelerator, which provided Optiyol with one-on-one business coaching and mentoring. By participating in the programme, the company attended vital industry events. The start-up could thus gain visibility in different European countries, expanding its network with key partners, including industry experts, research institutes and potential customers.



EIT Urban Mobility's strategic follow-on investment further supported Optiyol's growth and expansion, empowering the start-up to partner with numerous influential clients. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 102 500.

By 2023, the team has raised EUR 1 106 000 from VCs. With eyes set on new international markets, Optiyol is becoming a truly global player in logistics.



Awards

- Top 50 European Startup Prize for Mobility (2022)
- Fast Company - Top 100 Startups (2022)
- Logistics Technology Award of the Year at Economy and Logistics Summit, Türkiye (2022)

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# EIT COMMUNITY IN UKRAINE

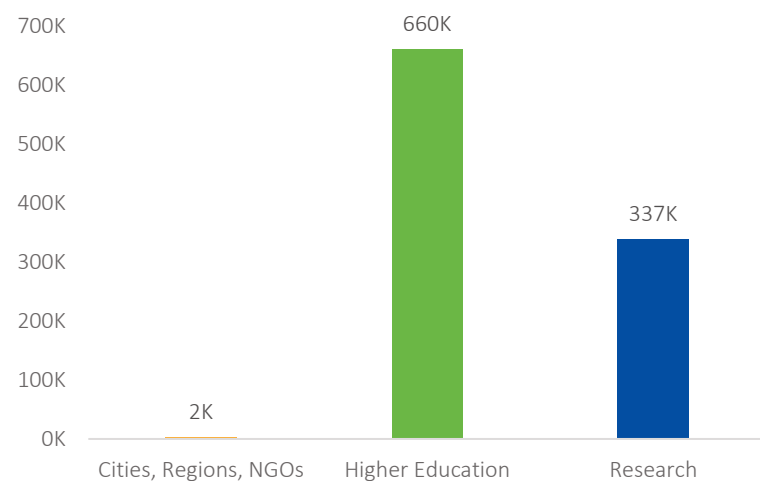
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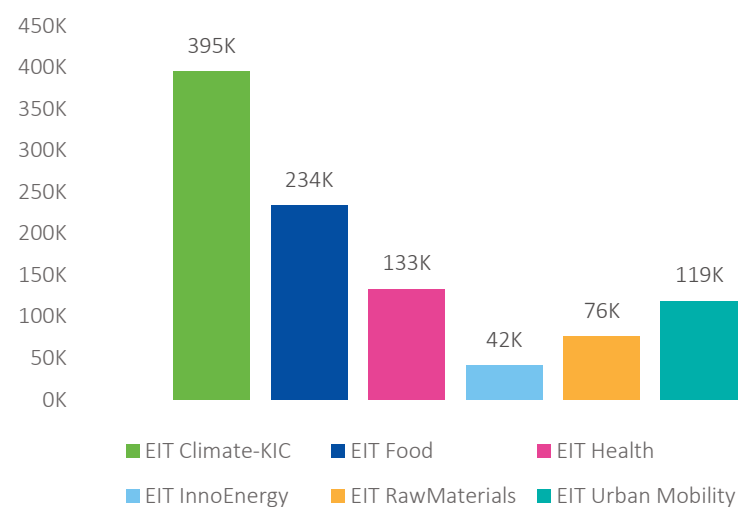
# EIT GRANTS 2022

Ukraine received a total of around **EUR 999 000** in EIT grants in 2022.\* This amount is EUR 993 000 higher than the funding received in 2021 and it was directed to Ukrainian organisations via six EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The largest share in 2022 (EUR 660 000) was dedicated to higher education

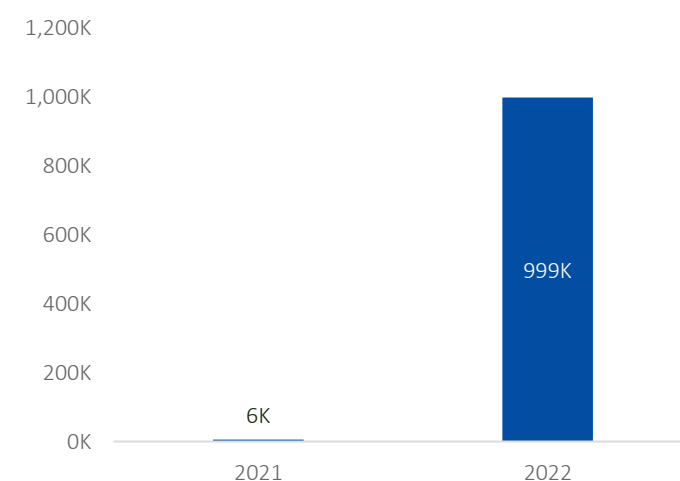
EIT Funding per Area (EUR, 2022)



EIT Funding per KIC (EUR, 2022)



Total EIT Funding to the country (EUR)



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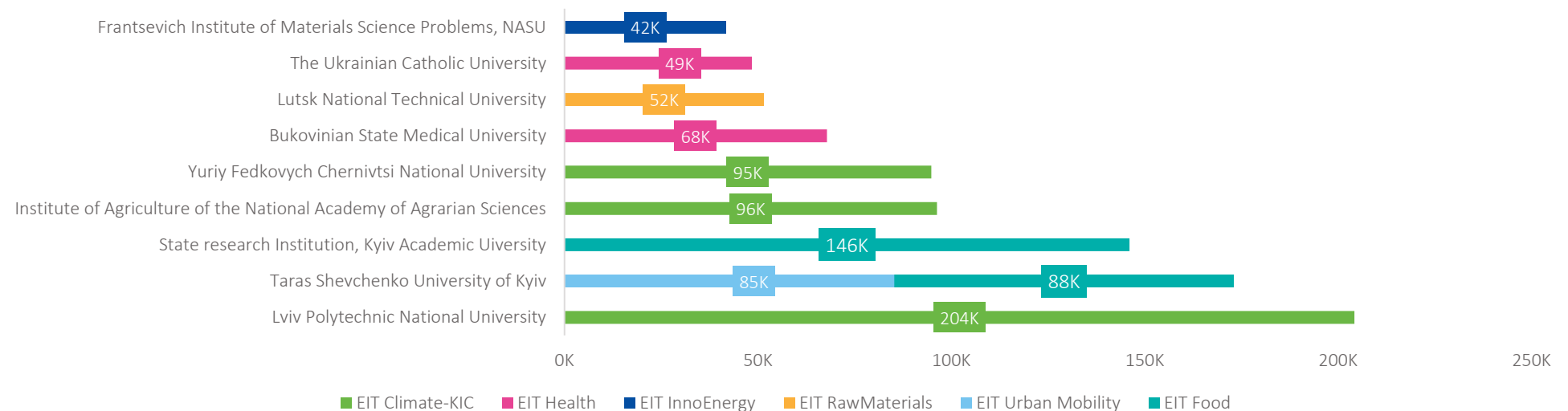
# EIT COMMUNITY IN UKRAINE



## In 2021-22:

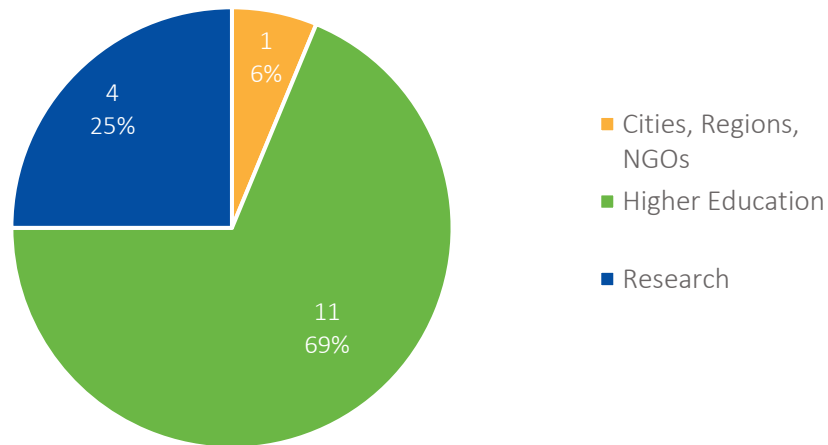
- 15 Ukrainian start-ups were supported by the EIT.
- 1 start-up was created with the support of the EIT in Ukraine.
- 1 woman entrepreneur from Ukraine received support from the EIT.
- 3 Ukrainian residents graduated from EIT Label programmes (Masters or PhD).
- 1552 Ukrainian participants joined non-labelled education and training by the EIT.

## Top National Organisations per EIT Funding (EUR Thousand, 2022)

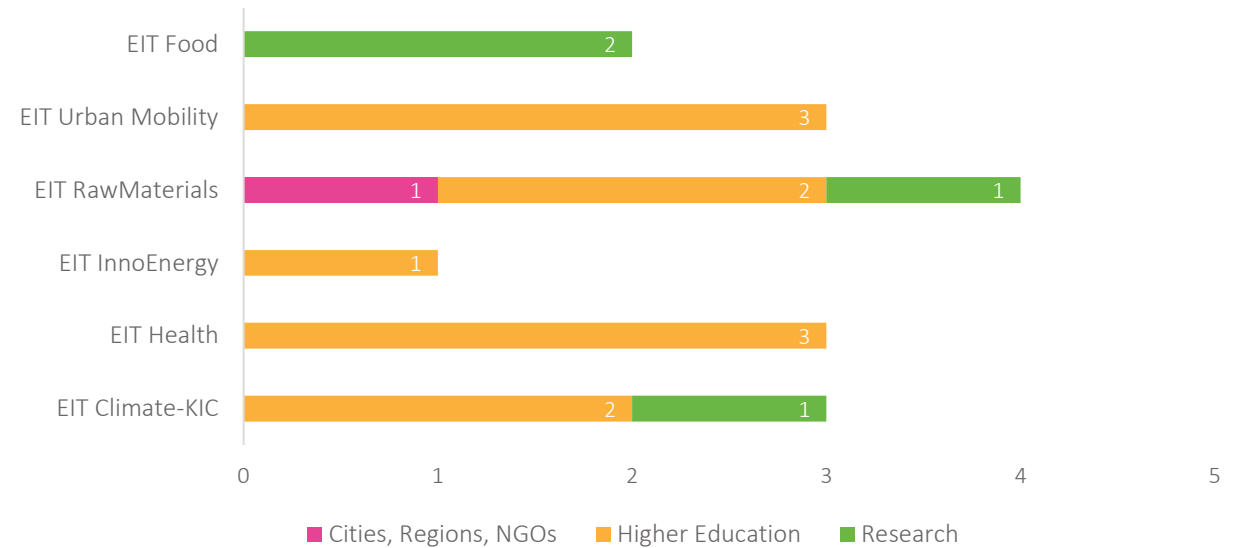


# EIT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Number of Organisations per Area  
(2021-2022)



Organisations per KIC and Area (2021-2022)



16 unique partner organisations and linked third parties\* from Ukraine participate in the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities in 2021-2022.\* They represent three areas of operation, the largest share being higher education organisations. Some organisations participate in more than one EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

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# INNOVATION JOURNEY

Supported by EIT  
RawMaterials



MACSIO

*Improving efficiency in the metallurgical industry*

MACSIO's cutting-edge software provides the metallurgical industry with an innovative tool for selecting raw materials based on optimal properties and pricing, leading to more resource-efficient decisions and reduced costs.

The start-up's journey with the EIT began with the EIT RawMaterials Regional Innovation Competition in 2022. During the intensive 2-month boot camp, MACSIO gained invaluable business insights through workshops and coaching sessions, and as a result, the team could fine-tune its business model. Furthermore, MACSIO could connect with a global network of like-minded individuals and with potential partners.



An additional boost was provided to MACSIO by the "Raw Materials Hackathon: Change4Future", co-funded by the Ukrainian Startup Fund and EIT RawMaterials. Overall funding provided by the EIT amounted to EUR 7 000.

As a competition winner, the start-up participated in the Final Pitching Competition in Athens, further expanding its international network and receiving expert advice from mentors and industry-leading frontrunners. Currently, the team is stepping up its marketing efforts and looking into new directions for commercialisation.

"The participation in the project allowed us to identify the weaknesses and strengths of the company's activities and development, on which we are working. (...)

A promising direction for the company is the development of ceramic armor plates for body armor with the involvement of domestic mineral raw materials and technologies".

Dmytriy Stepanenko, CEO of  
MACSIO

Awards	Finalist at the RIC 2022 Grand Final 2022
	Raw Materials Hackathon: Change4Future 2023

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# METHODOLOGY

## FINANCIAL DATA 2021-22

Financial data of partners and linked third parties include a share of the EIT grant transferred to the Legal Entities and the Co-Location Centres. The share is calculated based on the EIT grant received by each partner, proportional to the total EIT grants received by the Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The EIT's financial contribution cannot exceed 25% of a Knowledge and Innovation Community's lifetime resources. The grant rate may be up to 100% of the total eligible costs of Knowledge and Innovation Community added value activities. Complementary activities are not financed by the EIT. The scale used is thousands or millions of euros, as indicated in each graph.

## DATA ON PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Partner organisations and linked third parties might participate in more than one KIC at the country level. For the purpose of this document, the area distribution counts unique participation per organisation, while the count per Knowledge and Innovation Community might reflect participation of the same organisation in more than one Knowledge and Innovation Community. The data on partner organisations was collected on 20 June 2023 from the EIT's partnership management database.

## DATA PROVIDED FOR THE 2021-2022 FACTSHEETS

This edition of the EIT Country Factsheets covers data reported to the EIT by the Knowledge and Innovation Communities in March 2023 regarding the implementation of the Business Plan 2021-22. In addition, information on contact details and start-ups are gathered from the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities' and innovators' websites. The factsheets cover activities of all Knowledge and Innovation Communities except for EIT Culture & Creativity, which is implementing its first Start-up Grant Agreement in 2023. In the absence of an EIT Community location in the country, the location responsible for the country is presented.



# GLOSSARY



## EIT KIC PARTNER ORGANISATION

An EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community Partner Organisation, which may, in particular, include higher education institutions, research organisations, public or private companies, financial institutions, regional and local authorities, foundations and NGOs.

## LINKED THIRD PARTY

EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community Partners may call upon Linked Third Parties to implement certain tasks described in the grant agreement signed between the Knowledge and Innovation Community and the EIT.

## CO-LOCATION CENTRE

Also known as CLCs, they are locations where one or more KICs share resources to create a physical presence together in a country. CLCs act focal points for knowledge exchange and through which partners are able to access facilities and the expertise needed. This leads to efficiency through shared costs and allows KICs to work together more easily to provide joint opportunities in the country and region that the CLC covers.

## EIT REGIONAL INNOVATION SCHEME

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme helps build up innovation capacity in countries where the innovation ecosystem requires an additional level of support. The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme grants support education programmes, business acceleration services and Knowledge Triangle Integration activities, implemented in the countries that have modest or moderate innovation capacity (according to the European innovation scoreboard).\*

## EIT RIS HUB

EIT RIS Hubs are local entities in an EIT Regional Innovation Scheme eligible country selected by EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities via an open competitive process. RIS Hubs are key to delivering the place-based activities and services which help boost the local innovation ecosystem, as they create an entry point for local innovators to access the whole EIT community.

\*For the list of RIS-eligible countries , please visit the EIT [website](#).



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