



EIT COMMUNITY RIS HUBS

Launch Schedule

In September 2022, the EIT published the [EIT RIS Hubs Minimum Standards and Guiding Principles](#) to serve as a common strategic approach, which will underpin the establishment and operation of all EIT RIS Hubs from 2023. At the core of these Minimum Standards and Guiding Principles is a framework that will see the gradual launch of EIT Community RIS Hubs covering all EIT RIS eligible countries and territories (2021-2024) by the end of 2025.

By the end of 2023, the EIT had established six EIT Community RIS Hubs in North Macedonia, Latvia, Ukraine, Malta, Cyprus, and Montenegro. These EIT Community RIS Hubs differ from the current RIS Hubs by serving as a one-stop-shop for the entire EIT Community. The EIT Community RIS Hubs provide local innovators with a centralised source of information on all services and opportunities provided by the entire EIT Community, both locally and more widely. They serve as a gateway to all EIT KICs, attracting and engaging an increasing number of participants into EIT Community activities. The Hubs additionally spearhead the EIT Community's engagement with local authorities, including the local EIT National Contact Points, and providing policy support and expertise as required.

Each Hub is managed by a EIT Community Officer, typically selected via an Open Call, whose tasks include: setting up and maintaining a physical space where stakeholders can walk-in to obtain information on the EIT Community; managing the EIT Community Hub's website, in the local language, with information on EIT Community activities and opportunities; and; facilitating the organisation of EIT Community awareness-raising events locally.

The EIT Community has now adopted an indicative schedule for the launch of the whole network of 23 EIT Community RIS Hubs across Europe:

EIT RIS-ELIGIBLE COUNTRY	ESTABLISHMENT SCHEDULE
Bulgaria	Q2 2024
Croatia	Q2 2024
Cyprus	Q4 2023
Czechia	Q3 2024
Estonia	Q3 2024
Greece	Q4 2024



Hungary	Q3 2024
Italy	Q3 2024
Latvia	Q4 2023
Lithuania	Q4 2024
Malta	Q4, 2023
Poland	Q3 2024
Portugal	Q3 2024
Romania	Q4 2024
Slovakia	Q3 2024
Slovenia	Q3 2024
Spain	Q3 2024
Montenegro	Q4 2023
North Macedonia	Q2 2023
Serbia	Q4 2024
Türkiye	Q3 2024
Ukraine	Q4 2023
EU Outermost Regions	Q1 2025

Where on-the-ground EIT Community presence already exists, the EIT Community RIS Hubs will consolidate and scale-up ongoing activities and may also implement EIT Community activities tailored to the local needs. The process of integrating and consolidating the EIT Community's unique on-ground-presence in the EIT RIS-eligible area will make it easier for stakeholders to access our opportunities locally and in a more centralized manner via more unified EIT Community structure. Existing EIT RIS Hub entities will be gradually integrated within the new EIT Community RIS Hubs when these are established. Additionally, even after establishment, the EIT Community RIS Hubs will always be open to accept additional members, in a transparent manner, to ensure the widest thematic expertise representation in a consortium approach. These expert members may be contracted by individual KICs to undertake activities on their behalf in the local innovation ecosystem.