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Making Innovation Happen

INNOVEIT, the EIT's annual innovation forum, took place on 4 October 2018 in Budapest, Hungary. This year's event marked the EIT's 10-year anniversary, 'EIT@10', and was attended by over 350 participants from 27 countries.

The event was an opportunity to look back at 10 years of innovation by showcasing success stories from the EIT's Innovation Communities and discovering the thoughts of key stakeholders on the EIT's role in European innovation for the years ahead. INNOVEIT 2018 was also an occasion to host the EIT Awards, an annual opportunity to celebrate the achievements of innovators and entrepreneurs from the EIT's Innovation Communities, through an Innovation Tour and the EIT Awards ceremony.

You couldn't make it this year?

Don't worry, the key moments of the event are highlighted in the present publication.

Welcome to INNOVEIT 2018

13:45

EIT@10: From concept to global impact



“The proposal for the EIT was inspirational: get partners to work together. It has resulted in success!” says Dirk Jan van den Berg, Chairman of the EIT Governing Board. #INNOVEIT #EITCommunity #HorizonEU #H2020” - @EITeu



14:05

EIT@10: What does it bring to Europeans?

“Happy birthday - @EITeu has been supporting #EUInnovation for 10 years! Focusing on #education and young people’s talents & dreams, it has created Europe’s largest #innovation community #EITCommunity #InnoVeit”
- @TnavracsicsEU



I believe the EIT has not only a positive impact for Hungary, but for our whole region. To face one of the EU’s greatest challenges - its competitiveness compared to other world regions - Eastern countries need to learn from Western Europe, and I believe the EIT is a great tool to enable this.

László György, State Secretary for Economic Strategy and Regulation, Hungarian Ministry for Innovation and Technology



14:40

Keynote speech: 'How to innovate'

“The lunatic of today will become tomorrow’s normal!” says Michael Carl, Futurist in Residence of @2b_AHEAD #ThinkTank. #INNOVEIT #HorizonEU - @EITeu



15:00

EIT Stakeholder Forum: Panel Discussion on 'EIT@20: Powering innovation and addressing societal challenges across Europe in the ten years ahead'

“Cities are the future powerhouses in renewing Europe. @EU_CoR can learn a lot about EIT awards in creating European solutions to global challenges.” @mmarkkula with @TNavracsicsEU and Dirk Jan van den Berg (chair of EIT board). #INNOVEIT @EspooEsbo” - @mmarkkula



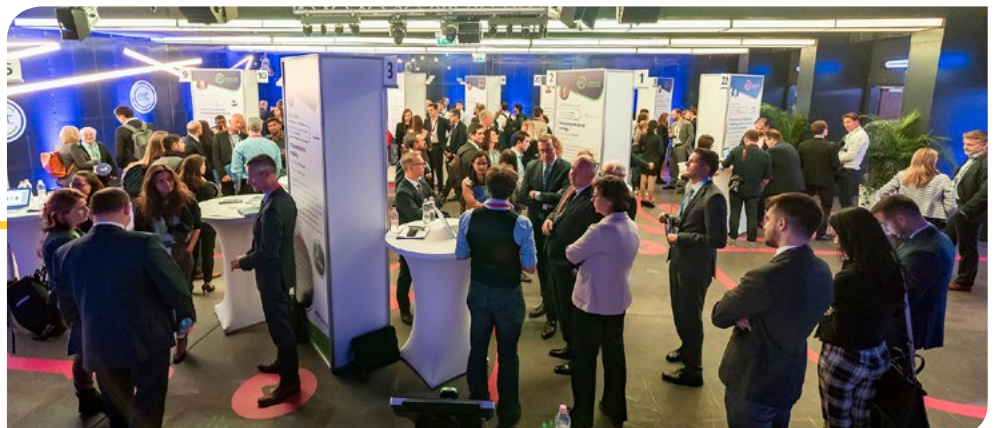
“People tend to think that if you have the best and the most cost-competitive technology, you got it all. But the reality is different: you need an ecosystem, customer access and funding... and the EIT can offer you that.”

Taavi Madiberk, CEO of Skeleton Technologies

16:00

Innovation Tour: Discover the latest top EIT Community innovations

“The end of environment-destroying dams? Fish-friendly @TurbulentHydro harnesses hydropower from small, shallow rivers using the nature-inspired principle of vortex #INNOVEIT”
- @niamh_michail





“I’m even more inspired to finalise my start-up idea and get going as soon as possible! Thank you for the learning opportunities and inspiration.” #innoveit #eit @ClimateKIC @EIT_Food @EITeu - @BullishMECA



17:30

The Power to Innovate EIT Awards Pitches & Ceremony



Today's Awards ceremony highlights the fruit of 10 years' of impact, and points to a future based on the creativity and solutions of immensely talented EIT Community entrepreneurs.

Dirk Jan van den Berg, Chairman of the EIT Governing Board





Awards
CHANGE

The EIT CHANGE Award



WINNER

Simone Accornero

Supported by EIT InnoEnergy

CEO & co-founder of FlexiDAO, software that automates energy data processing and exchanges while combining traceability and transparency for the first time.

“Before joining EIT InnoEnergy, I had never even thought of becoming an entrepreneur. EIT InnoEnergy showed me how my work and research as an engineer has a real impact on the surrounding environment.

Simone Accornero



Awards
INNOVATORS

The EIT Innovators Award



WINNER

Ioannis Tarnanas

Supported by EIT Health

President and CSO of Altoida, for the Alzheimer’s Disease Prediction Service (ADPS), one of the first validated solutions able to predict the risk of Alzheimer’s for people over 50.

“My goal is to fight and ultimately cure Alzheimer’s, a disease that remains one of the greatest challenges to society. EIT Health heightened our visibility across Europe through its extensive network and accelerated the acceptance of ADPS on the European market.

Ioannis Tarnanas



Awards
VENTURE

The EIT Venture Award



WINNER

Bieke Van Gorp

Supported by EIT Health

Chief Business Development Officer and co-founder at Qompium NV, for FibriCheck, a mobile application that enables users to detect atrial fibrillation and take preventive action.

Implementation of our innovative way of saving lives did not come without a struggle and I am very proud to have fought for this. We received extensive support from EIT Health, not only for funding, but also for networking.

Bieke Van Gorp



Awards
WOMAN

The EIT Woman Award



WINNER

Isabel Hoffmann

Supported by EIT Food

CEO of Telspec LTD, for the development of a rapid, portable and affordable sensor to test for the quality and decay of raw white fish, and the fraudulent use of excess water in frozen fish.

I wanted to help my daughter and those who suffer from undiagnosed food-related illnesses. With my strong background in software and preventive medicine, and support from the EIT Community in the form of unique partnerships, I came up with a solution to save others from that long and difficult experience.'

Isabel Hoffmann



The EIT Public Award



WINNER

Laura Soucek

Supported by EIT Health

Founder and CEO of Peptomyc S.L., a peptide-based solution that can serve as a new treatment option for cancer patients.

“I recognise myself in the EIT’s motto ‘making innovation happen’. I wanted to make a change, efficiently and in the smartest way possible. EIT Health provided partner organisations and gave me the opportunity to learn from my peers and predecessors.

Laura Soucek

“The EIT Awards celebrate excellence in innovation. Promoting the outstanding achievements of our entrepreneurs here in Budapest shines a bright light on the talent powered by the EIT Community. In just 10 years, the EIT has grown from a start-up organisation to become Europe’s strongest innovation network. This year’s winners are not just proof that the EIT is on the right course, but that it is a mature organisation ready to advance further. Europe needs more ambition for its innovative economy; it has the skills, the EIT has the thriving network to make innovation happen.

Dirk Jan van den Berg, Chairman of the EIT Governing Board



“Through the EIT, the EU has invested in entrepreneurs all over Europe, building a unique network, helping to create an entrepreneurial culture and providing critical support as ventures expand globally. The EIT Awards are a celebration of this, and the nominees and winners ambassadors of Europe’s innovative talent – my congratulations to them all!

Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

EIT Alumni Connect

5 October 2018



Taking place on 5 October, EIT Alumni CONNECT 2018 brought together over 150 participants from 40 nationalities, and connected all five of the EIT Alumni Communities for the first time. This year's theme of 'Fostering Cross-Community Synergies' was chosen to showcase the contribution a diverse EIT Alumni Community can make to driving collaboration among the EIT's Innovation Communities.



Aside from being the first EIT Alumni CONNECT to take place independently of INNOVEIT, this event was also unique in that it welcomed former members of the EIT Governing Board.





The morning session included a series of pitches from successful EIT Alumni, including Swati Pandey, EIT Climate-KIC alumna and winner of the 2018 Cartier Women's Award for Asia-Pacific.

The afternoon, consisting of 10 parallel workshops, gave founders of existing or early stage start-ups the opportunity to present their ideas, practice their pitching skills, look for potential partners and gain advice and insights from fellow entrepreneurs.





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