



# EIT education: Educating the next generation of entrepreneurs

**Working with the EIT gave me the confidence to embrace bigger ideas, to aim for the leap forward**  
 Florence Gschwend - EIT graduate

**Why?** Develop entrepreneurial skills

**What?** Master, PhD, online courses, executive education, courses for schools, trainings and raising awareness activities

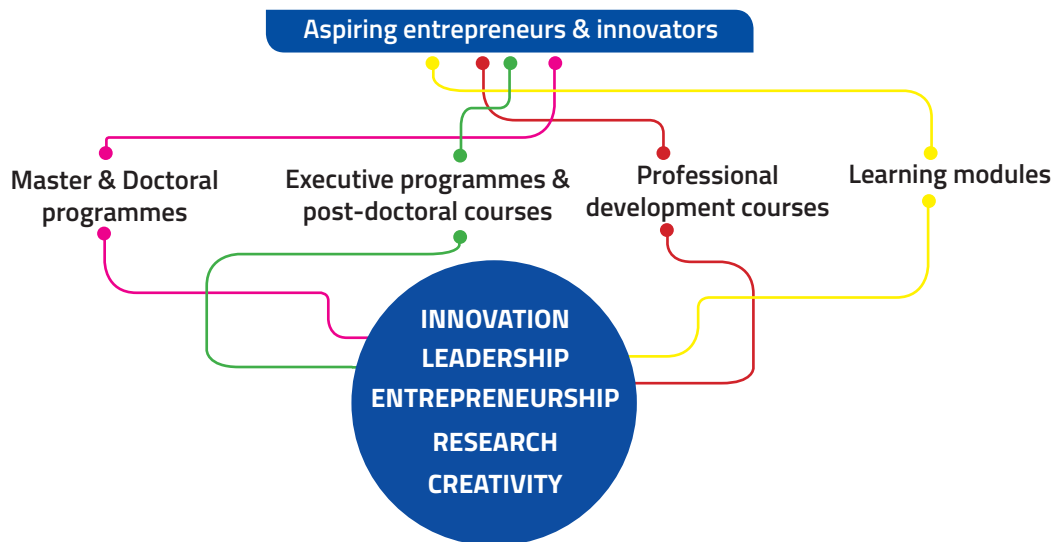
**Who?** Innovators and entrepreneurs

**Where?** Across Europe and online

**How?** Find out on [our website](#)

EIT Innovation Communities – pan-European partnerships between education, business and research organisations – build on a European network of campuses, labs and offices to provide support to innovators across Europe, including entrepreneurial education and training activities. This powers entrepreneurs to solve pressing global challenges, from climate change, digital innovation, food security, healthy living, sustainable energy, to manufacturing innovation, developing raw materials, and liveable urban space.

EIT education programmes and activities place a strong emphasis on entrepreneurship, digital, leadership, creativity, and visionary skills. These are available in all our courses:



## What's unique about EIT education?

Our societies face rapid and continuous change caused by technological advances. This brings both opportunities and challenges for Europe. Some jobs will disappear, whilst others will be created, and industries will be transformed. We need to ensure that skills and competencies in Europe are conducive to innovation and that future talent has the knowledge and skills to thrive and be at the forefront of innovation. That's precisely what the EIT is delivering.



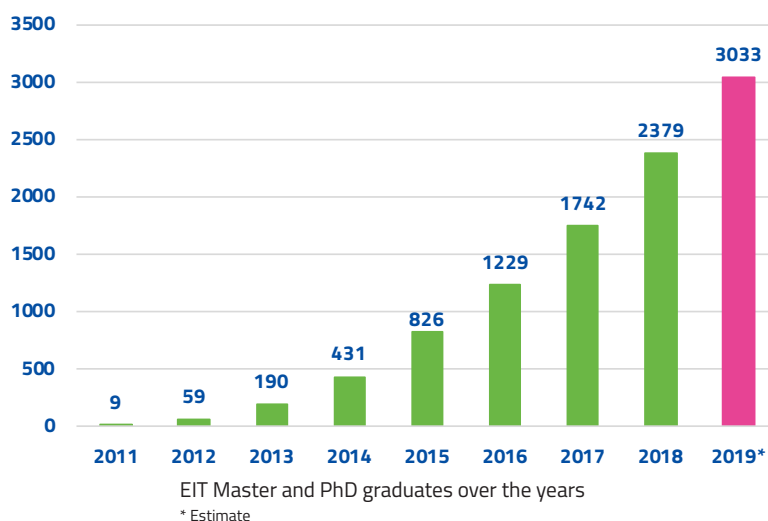
Nationalities of EIT Master and PhD students

Students joining EIT education programmes come from across the globe, and everyone can take part through our extensive online offering.

Because the EIT believes that excellent technical and theoretical skills go hand-in-hand with entrepreneurial skills, EIT education programmes help develop an entrepreneurial mind-set to transform ideas into an innovative product or service and successfully launch it on the market.

EIT education programmes have an inbuilt industry link and a prominent international dimension, making them responsive to both business and societal demands and educating truly entrepreneurial students. Together, these elements help us to train a new generation of entrepreneurs, innovators and change-makers.

Today, the EIT Community delivers more than 60 EIT master programmes, in addition to several doctoral schools. The EIT has seen almost **2 500 students** graduating from master and doctoral programmes. More than 200 universities spread across Europe are active in the EIT community. An additional several hundred students attend our summer schools every year and more than 100 000 learners have participated in EIT Community online education activities.



### Can you imagine yourself in their shoes?

The EIT Community offers something for all entrepreneurs and innovators who want to make a difference. Our graduates go on to achieve many things. Not everyone takes the next step to develop their own product or service immediately – many innovate as employees of forward-thinking organisations – but they all hold much promise for the future of Europe’s innovation potential.



**Simone Accornero**, EIT InnoEnergy Master School graduate, co-founded Flexidao, a Barcelona-based start-up that is harnessing the power of blockchain technology to get smart about demand response in the renewable energy sector. Simone won the EIT CHANGE Award in 2018.

**I had never thought of becoming an entrepreneur! EIT InnoEnergy showed me how my research as an engineer has a real impact. Above all, they then showed me how to set up my own company**

**Florence Gschwend**, an EIT Climate-KIC Doctoral School graduate, co-founded Chrysalix Technologies, turning contaminated waste wood into fuels, materials and chemicals. Florence won the EIT CHANGE Award in 2017.



**Being an entrepreneur only occurred to me during my PhD through the events and programmes organised by EIT Climate-KIC. They brought it all out in me**

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