



2018 Call for Proposals

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LARGEST INNOVATION  
COMMUNITY!**

EIT Manufacturing &  
EIT Urban Mobility

# The EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals for two new Innovation Communities

With a budget of almost EUR 2.4 billion from 2014 to 2020, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) creates sustainable growth and jobs by boosting innovation and entrepreneurship across Europe. To achieve this, we have pioneered dynamic European partnerships that bring together leading universities, research centres and companies. We call these unique partnerships 'Innovation Communities', or Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs).

Our six existing Innovation Communities are developing innovative products and services, creating new companies and training a new generation of entrepreneurs.

As an integral part of Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, we will expand our activities in 2018 by launching a competition for two new Innovation Communities:

- **EIT Manufacturing\*** strengthening and increasing the competitiveness of Europe's manufacturing industry
- **EIT Urban Mobility\*** smart, green and integrated urban transport



# How Innovation Communities are created

## Innovating through partnership

Joining the EIT Community is not like joining a research programme! An EIT Innovation Community must be born from a strong desire to do things differently, with like-minded people and organisations ready to experiment and operate at the boundaries of innovation. Innovation Communities must pioneer new solutions to society's biggest challenges and they must innovate. To do this, each Innovation Community sets its own strategy, objectives, business plan and structure, using EIT funding as seed money to attract other investors.

## Delivering results

To date, almost 1 200 students have graduated from EIT entrepreneurial education programmes and another 2 000 will soon join them. More than 300 EIT Community supported start-ups have developed an incredible range of new products and services, numbering in excess of 400. The Innovation Communities have forged productive partnerships with more than 1 000 companies, universities and research organisations (the knowledge triangle) and mobilised large-scale private funding for innovation.

## A successful Innovation Community must innovate and have:

- ✓ impact - the overarching principle
- ✓ brought together the knowledge triangle of business, education and research
- ✓ a long-term strategy
- ✓ a diverse, balanced and world-class partnership
- ✓ quality governance and lean management
- ✓ an integrated network of innovation hubs
- ✓ a sustainable business model and financial plan
- ✓ a policy for intellectual property
- ✓ a plan for outreach and dissemination
- ✓ an eye for synergies

(\*) Subject to the outcome of the EIT's mid-term evaluation by the European Commission.

# Key dates:

2017

**July 2017**

Publication of the evaluation criteria

2017

**November 2017**

Publication of the Framework of Guidance

2018

**12 January 2018**

Launch of the EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals: EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility

2018

**13 February 2018**

EIT Information Day in Brussels

2018

**12 July 2018**

Closure of the 2018 Call for Proposals

2018

**December 2018**

Selection of the EIT's two new Innovation Communities: EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility

## Want to find out more?

You can find all the key documents for the EIT's 2018 Call for Proposals here:

[eit.europa.eu/collaborate/2018-call-for-proposals](http://eit.europa.eu/collaborate/2018-call-for-proposals)

Check out the FAQ section on the Call's webpage:

[eit.europa.eu/collaborate/2018-call-for-proposals/faq](http://eit.europa.eu/collaborate/2018-call-for-proposals/faq)

We will be answering all questions, so do not forget to regularly consult this section.

Save the date and join us for the 2018 Call for Proposals Information Day in Brussels on **13 February 2018!**

We will present the process, our expectations, and answer any questions you may have.

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