



The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an EU body created by the European Union in 2008 to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate. The EIT is an integral part of Horizon Europe, the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

What does the EIT do?

The Institute is a unique EU initiative that drives innovation across Europe by integrating business, education and research to find solution to pressing global challenges.

The EIT supports the development of dynamic, long-term pan-European partnerships among leading companies, research labs and companies. These are called **Knowledge and Innovation Communities** and each is dedicated to finding solutions to a specific global challenge, from climate change and sustainable energy to healthy living and food.

Bringing together more than 2 900 partners, the EIT is Europe's largest innovation network and connects the dots. The EIT powers innovators and entrepreneurs across Europe to turn their best ideas into products, services, jobs and growth. This is crucial to fulfilling the EIT's mission: creating jobs and delivering sustainable economic growth opportunities for Europe. Together with leading partners, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities: education courses that combine technical and entrepreneurial skills, tailored business creation and acceleration services and innovation driven research projects. This brings new ideas and solutions to the market, turns students into entrepreneurs and, most importantly, delivers innovation.



Results

Since the EIT was set up in 2008, it has created the largest innovation community in Europe. The EIT's model has been tried, tested and proven and has delivered:

- **8** thriving Knowledge and Innovation Communities
- **64** Co-Location Centres across Europe
- **3 800+** start-up and scale-ups supported
- **EUR 3.9 billion** in external capital raised by our supported ventures
- **13 000+** jobs created
- **3 800+** Master and PhD graduates educated
- **1400+** new products and services created

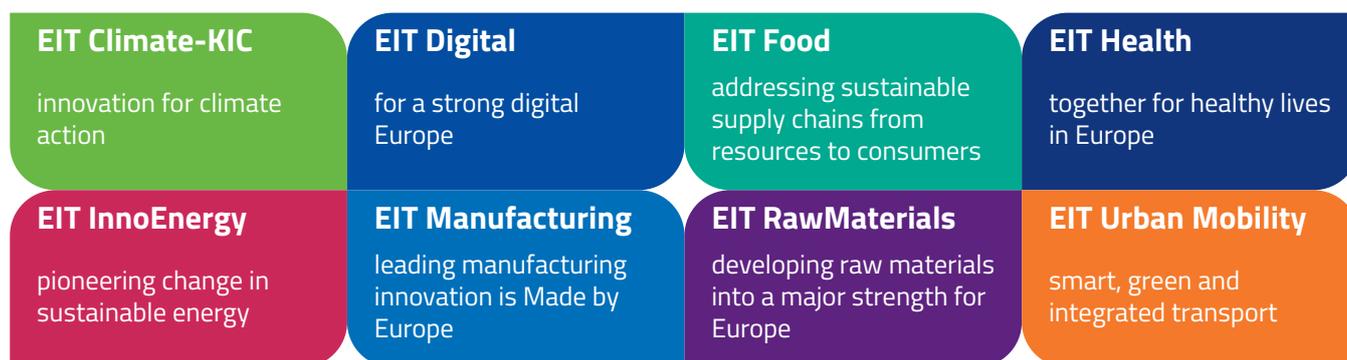
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What is an EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community?

The EIT's Knowledge and Innovation Communities bring together businesses (industry and SMEs), research centres and universities as partners, creating an environment where creative thought and innovation flourishes.

They offer access to talent, knowledge, funding and new business sectors to:

-  **train a new generation of entrepreneurs:** develop your entrepreneurial skills with the EIT
-  **develop innovative products and service:** take your idea further by bringing it to the market
-  **Kick-start companies:** create or accelerate your venture with EIT support



Each of the EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities operates in Co-location Centres. These are spread across the EU to increase the impact of the EIT's activities. There are currently 64 Co-Location Centres across Europe where education, research and business meet and interact.

The EIT: working across Europe

The **EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS)** is an outreach programme to help more organisations across Europe benefit from the EIT Community's work and participate in its activities. The EIT RIS aims to increase the ability to innovate of European regions not yet working with the EIT and its Knowledge and Innovation Communities. The EIT RIS brings companies, universities, research labs and stakeholder organisations into Europe's largest innovation community.

How can I get involved?

As part of an EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community, access new partners, facilities, disciplines, industries and cultures. There are many opportunities to join the EIT Community and its wide range of innovation support activities across Europe: training and education programmes, innovation projects, business incubators and accelerators.

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