2016 Call for KICs: Evaluation criteria & process

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EIT’s 2016 Call for KIC Proposals

**EIT Food**
Food4future: sustainable supply chain from resources to consumers*

**EIT Manufacturing**
Added-value manufacturing*

* Themes are presented in annex to the EIT’s Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) - the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe
2016 Call for KICs - Key Principles

- Simplification
- Alignment with Horizon2020
- Excellence
- EIT’s 2016 Call for KICs
2016 Call for KICs - Timeline

- **October 2015:** Publication of the Evaluation Criteria
- **14 January 2016:** Launch of the EIT 2016 Call for KIC Proposals
- **16-17 November 2016:** Designation of the two new KICs “EIT Food” and “EIT Manufacturing”
- **2015 Q4:** Publicualion of the Framework of Guidance
- **2016 Q1:** Information Day in Brussels
- **2016 Q2:** FAQs – Clarification with applicants
- **2016 Q3:** Evaluation
- **2016 Q4:** Closure of the 2016 Call for KIC Proposals
2016 Call for KICs – Evaluation phases

- Eligibility and operational capacity check: July – August
- Panel of experts: August – October
- Hearing with the EIT Governing Board: November

70% Threshold
2016 Call for KICs – Panel of experts

The evaluation of proposals will be carried out by panels of independent external experts (six per thematic area and one rapporteur).
2016 Call for KICs – Evaluation Criteria (1)

• Admissibility and exclusion criteria

• Eligibility criteria:
  o content and scope correspond to the topic of the Call and the KIC model
  o complies with the following eligibility conditions:
    • at least 3 independent organisations from at least 3 different EU Member States;
    • at least two thirds of the partner organisations are established in EU Member States;
    • at least 1 higher education institution and 1 private company;
    • maximum of 50 partners.
2016 Call for KICs – Evaluation Criteria (2)

• Financial and Operational Capacity (Selection) Criteria: capacity of the coordinator, and the proposed interim management team
  
  o The organisation of the Partnership’s Coordinator (will be subject to the financial capacity assessment if (and when) the KIC has been designated and the Coordinator is subject to a financial viability check. Financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of the financial viability check.
2016 Call for KICs – Evaluation Criteria (3)

• Operational capacity criteria

1) The Partnership’s Coordinator’s familiarity with the Call’s theme and experience of coordinating and/or participating in international projects related to the integration of the three sides of the Knowledge Triangle, as well as familiarity with the European Union’s financial procedures;

2) The capability and necessary experience of the key members of the Interim Management Team (CEO, COO and CFO).

Only proposals that pass the operational capacity verification will be evaluated by the external experts.
# Technical Evaluation Criteria:

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## STRATEGY

### 1.1 STRATEGIC APPROACH
10 points max

### 1.2 ADDED-VALUE, INNOVATIVENESS AND SYNERGIES
10 points max

### 1.3 KIC PARTNERSHIP INNOVATION QUALITY
10 points max

## OPERATIONS

### 2.1 KIC GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP
10 points max

### 2.2 OPERATIONS
10 points max

### 2.3 KIC BUSINESS MODEL AND FINANCIAL PLAN
10 points max

## IMPACT

### 3.1 IMPACT AND KIC SCOREBOARD
25 points max

### 3.2 COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH AND DISSEMINATION
15 points max
2016 Call for KICs – Hearings with the EIT Governing Board

- **Governing Board Hearing Criteria:**
  - **Strategy:** adaptability and suitability of the KIC model for the proposed strategic approach by the applicant;
  - **Operations:** feasibility of the proposed KIC operational model and its financial sustainability, taking into account lessons learnt from current KICs;
  - **Impact:** consistency of the applicant’s KIC model and its potential to achieve a significant and sustainable systemic impact in line with the EIT’s overall objectives;

10 points for each criteria - total of 30 points.

The proposal with the highest number of points (out of 130) will be designated.

One KIC designated per theme: EIT Food & EIT Manufacturing
2016 Call for KICs – Proposal Structure

• **Part A**: administrative part information on the proposal, the Coordinator and partners (directly in SEP) and Declaration of honour on exclusion criteria

• **Part B**:
  - Proposal template (max 50 pages)
  - Estimated KIC financial resources

• **Part C**: motivation and Commitment Declaration (motivation to join the KIC; its added value to the KIC; information on commitment and about linked third parties)
2016 Call for KICs – Annexed Documents

- Templates for submitting a Proposal
- SIA thematic factsheets
- Model Framework Partnership Agreement
- Model Specific Grant Agreement
- Model Start-up Grant Agreement
- Evaluation template – Panel of Experts evaluation stage
2016 Call for KICs – How to submit your proposal?

• Proposals are only eligible if submitted through the **Horizon 2020 electronic proposal submission system** by 14 July 2016 (17:00 Brussels local time)

• Completed parts A, B and C uploaded

• Documents uploaded exclusively in PDF (Adobe version 5 or higher, with embedded fonts) – each file cannot exceed 10 Mb.
2016 Call for KICs – How to submit your proposal?

• The main body of the proposal may not exceed 50 pages (KIC Strategy 15 pages, KIC Operations 20 pages, KIC Impact 15 pages)

• Any other documents (supporting documentation, reports, audio, video, multimedia, etc.) sent electronically or by post will be disregarded

• Number of the consortium partners can not exceed 50 (49 + coordinator)
2016 Call for KICs – What happens if you win?

- The EIT awards a **start-up grant** of up to EUR 4 million to each of the two new KICs to facilitate their:
  - Legal readiness
  - Operational readiness
  - Fostering the EIT brand identity

- The modalities of the Start-Up Grant will be communicated to the new KICs shortly after the designation decision of the EIT Governing Board in November 2016.
2016 Call for KICs – How to contact the EIT?

• Applicants are invited to send in questions regarding the Call by 31 May 2016 via the EIT website’s Contact Page only: http://eit.europa.eu/interact/contact-us

• All questions together with answers will be published on the EIT website’s KIC Call page by 15 June 2016.
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