

# EIC STEP Scale Up

EIC - European Innovation Council

CODICE	AMBITO
HORIZON-EIC-2026-STEP	Internazionale
LOCALITÀ	STATO
Europa	Aperto
PROGRAMMA	CURATO DA
EIC - European Innovation Council	Maria Macedo
GENERATO IL	
13 giugno 2026	

## Dettagli Finanziari

TIPO DI SUPPORTO	BUDGET
Equity	300M€
VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE	
10M€ - 30M€	

## Date e Scadenze

DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE	DATA DI APERTURA
Non definita	6 novembre 2025

## Fasi di Candidatura

- Deadline: 25 novembre 2026 alle ore 16:00 (166 giorni rimanenti)

## Obiettivi

### Objectives

The EIC STEP Scale Up call is designed to support ambitious scale-up companies, specifically SMEs and small mid-caps with up to 499 employees, established in an EU Member State or an Associated Country. The main objective is to catalyze the growth and deployment of game-changing innovations in Europe's critical technology areas. Eligible applicants may also include investors applying on behalf of these companies under a prior agreement. The target

is to fill significant financing gaps for high-risk innovations, enabling their rapid market expansion and strategic value creation within the EU. Supported innovations must fall within the priority areas established by the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), such as digital and deep tech, clean and resource-efficient technologies, and biotechnologies. Applicants must demonstrate significant market interest by securing a pre-commitment for at least 20% of the intended funding round from a qualified investor.

## **Funding**

The 2026 EIC STEP Scale Up call offers a total budget of €300 million. Applicants can request equity investments from a minimum of €10 million up to a maximum of €30 million, to be used as part of a total funding round between €50 and €150 million (the EIC share being three to five times smaller than the total round). No grant component is available; support is exclusively through equity investments, managed by the EIC Fund. Each investment is negotiated on a case-by-case basis, in line with the EIC Fund Investment Guidelines. Projects are selected with the intent that the EIC contribution catalyzes significantly larger funding rounds involving private market investors.

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## **Spese Ammissibili**

- Equity investment in scale-up activities
- Development and commercialization of innovations
- Expand operational capacity

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## Idoneità

### Settori Idonei

- ICT e Software
- Energia e Ambiente
- Industria
- Salute e Life Sciences
- Altro

### Dimensioni Aziendali

- PMI
- Small Mid-Cap

### Modalità di Candidatura

- Individuale

### Tipi di Azione

- Scale-up of critical technologies
- Commercialization of high-risk innovations
- Expansion of manufacturing capacity
- Deployment of strategic technologies
- Acceleration of market entry

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## Dettagli Programma UE

### ID BANDO

HORIZON-EIC-2026-STEP

### CONTRIBUTO UE

€10,000,000.00 to €30,000,000.00

### REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO

Equity-only investments; EIC investment must be one quarter to one fifth of the total funding round, with the remainder from external investors. No grant component. Maximum EIC investment per project is €30 million.

### MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE

Continuous

### PROGETTI PREVISTI

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## Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2026-STEP?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&programmePart=43121666&frameworkProgramme=43108390&deadline-Date=1780182000000,1798675200000>

Pagina Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/it/incentives/eic-step-scale-up>

Prenota un incontro: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>