

EIC STEP Scale Up

EIC - European Innovation Council

CÓDIGO	ÂMBITO
HORIZON-EIC-2026-STEP	Internacional
LOCALIZAÇÃO	ESTADO
Europa	Aberto
PROGRAMA	CURADORIA DE
EIC - European Innovation Council	Maria Macedo
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Detalhes Financeiros

TIPO DE APOIO	DOTAÇÃO
Participação no Capital	300M€
VALOR ELEGÍVEL DO PROJETO	
10M€ - 30M€	

Datas e Prazos

DATA DE PUBLICAÇÃO	DATA DE ABERTURA
Não definida	6 de novembro de 2025

Fases de Candidatura

- Deadline: 25 de novembro de 2026 às 16:00 (171 dias restantes)

Objetivos

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.

Despesas Elegíveis

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

Elegibilidade

Setores Elegíveis

- Indústria
- Energia & Ambiente
- TIC & Software
- Saúde & Ciências da Vida
- Outro

Dimensão das Empresas

- PME
- Small Mid-Cap

Modalidade de Candidatura

- Individual

Tipos de Ação

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

Detalhes do Programa UE

ID DA CHAMADA

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CONTRIBUIÇÃO UE

€10,000,000.00 to €30,000,000.00

REGRA DE TAXA DE FINANCIAMENTO

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.

MODO DE SUBMISSÃO

Continuous

PROJETOS ESPERADOS

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Links Oficiais

Regulamento Oficial:

<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>

Página no Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/pt/incentives/eic-step-scale-up>

Agendar reunião: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>