

# EIC Accelerator

EIC - European Innovation Council

CODE	SCOPE
HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01	International
LOCATION	STATUS
Europe	Closing Soon
PROGRAM	CURATED BY
EIC - European Innovation Council	Maria Macedo
GENERATED AT	
June 8, 2026	

## Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE	MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE
Mixed	70%
BUDGET	ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE
414M€	Up to 2.5M€
MAXIMUM DURATION	
24 months	

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## Dates & Deadlines

### PUBLICATION DATE

Not defined

### OPENING DATE

November 6, 2025

## Application Phases

- Fase 1 : January 7, 2026 at 04:00 PM
- Fase 2: March 4, 2026 at 04:00 PM
- Fase 3: May 6, 2026 at 03:00 PM
- Fase 4: July 8, 2026 at 03:00 PM (30 days left)
- Fase 5: September 2, 2026 at 03:00 PM
- Fase 6: November 4, 2026 at 04:00 PM

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## Objectives

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The EIC Accelerator aims to support companies, specifically small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) including start-ups, to scale up high impact innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones. This initiative is particularly focused on deep tech innovations deriving from scientific discoveries or technological breakthroughs requiring substantial, long-term investment. Eligible applicants include single SMEs or, in exceptional cases, small mid-caps (up to 499 employees) established in EU Member States or Associated Countries, as well as entities intending to establish an SME or small mid-cap in one of these regions by the time of grant agreement. Natural persons or legal entities from third countries may apply if they commit to effective establishment within the EU or Associated Countries. Single SME or small mid-cap entities established in eligible locations Entities planning establishment or investment in eligible SMEs/small mid-caps Applicants must comply with detailed eligibility rules as per EIC Work Programme 2026

### Funding

The EIC Accelerator provides a unique mix of non-refundable grants and equity-based investment, known as blended finance. The grant component is provided as a lump sum. The call supports projects by funding a significant proportion of eligible costs. While specific total and per-project budgets are not detailed in the notice, applicants should consult the EIC Work Programme 2026 for funding windows and limits. The highest funding rates apply up to 70% for most applicants, with certain entities eligible for up to 100%, depending on project type and organization.

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## Eligible Expenses

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs
- Equity investment

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## Eligibility

### Eligible Sectors

- Agro-Food
- Industry
- Energy & Environment
- ICT & Software
- Health & Life Sciences
- Mobility & Transport
- Blue Economy
- Aerospace & Defense
- Other

### Company Sizes

- Sme
- Small Mid-Cap

### Application Mode

- Individual

### Action Types

- Research and Innovation
- Demonstration
- Technology Scale Up
- Commercialisation

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## EU Programme Details

### CALL ID

HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01

### SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

### FUNDING RATE RULE

Up to 70%

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## Official Links

Official Regulation:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094502&programmePart=43121666&frameworkProgramme=43108390&deadlineDate=1780182000000,1798675200000>

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/horizon-eic-accelerator>

Information Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fioefj\\_ziWI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fioefj_ziWI)

Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>