

# EIC Accelerator

EIC - European Innovation Council

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HORIZON-EIC-2026-ACCELERATOR-01	Internazionale
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<b>PROGRAMMA</b>	<b>CURATO DA</b>
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## Descrizione

### Objectives

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

### Project Types

Supported projects focus on the later stages of technology development and the scaling up of innovative solutions. The core requirement is that the technology has already been validated in a relevant environment with at least Technology Readiness Level 5 achieved. Two application modalities are accepted: EIC Accelerator Open (no predefined thematic priorities, open to all fields) and EIC Accelerator Challenges (targeted at strategic, emerging technologies). Eligible expenses typically encompass research, development, demonstration activities, scale-up costs, and may also include certain operational and business-support expenditures associated with commercialisation. The EIC support is intended as a catalyst to attract private investment, crowding in additional resources necessary for successful scale-up.

### 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.

### Key Aspects

The call opens for submissions on 6 November 2025 and closes on 17 December 2026 at 17:00 Brussels time (CET/CEST as applicable). Applicants are subject to specific admissibility and eligibility conditions, including limits on the number of submissions per applicant as outlined in the work programme. Fast Track and Plug-in schemes are available for projects transitioning from other eligible EU programmes. Technology validation, strong impact potential, and clear demonstration of market-creating or disruptive effects are essential. Key performance indicators relate to commercial scalability and societal or economic impact. Application must be submitted through the EU Funding & Tenders Portal following strict format and documentation requirements.

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## Date e Scadenze

### DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE

Non definita

### DATA DI APERTURA

6 novembre 2025

### Fasi di Candidatura

- Deadline (continuously open): 17 dicembre 2026 alle ore 16:00 (233 giorni rimanenti)

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## Dettagli Finanziari

### TIPO DI SUPPORTO

Misto

### TASSO MASSIMO DI FINANZIAMENTO

70%

### BUDGET

414M€

### VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE

Up to 2.5M€

### DURATA MASSIMA

24 mesi

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## Criteri e Documenti

### Spese Ammissibili

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

### Condizioni di Accesso

- Legal entities from EU Member States and Associated Countries
- Compliance with general and specific admissibility and eligibility criteria
- Applicant must be a single SME or, in exceptional cases, a small mid-cap established or intending to establish in an EU Member State or Associated Country

- Admissibility and eligibility details as per EIC Work Programme 2026

### **Criteri di Selezione**

- Excellence (scientific and technical merit)
- Impact (contribution to policy and partnership KPIs)
- Quality and efficiency of implementation

### **Informazioni Obbligatorie**

- Application form (Part A and Part B)
- Budget
- Annexes
- Pitch Deck
- Video pitch

### **Indicatori di Risultato**

- Market impact
- Commercial scalability
- Societal impact

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## **Dettagli Programma UE**

### **ID BANDO**

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### **REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO**

Up to 70%

### **MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE**

Single-stage

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## **Idoneità**

### **Settori Idonei**

- Agroalimentare
- Industria
- Energia e Ambiente
- ICT e Software
- Salute e Life Sciences
- Mobilità e Trasporti
- Economia Blu
- Aerospazio e Difesa
- Altro

### **Dimensioni Aziendali**

- PMI
- Small Mid-Cap

### **Modalità di Candidatura**

- Individuale

## Tipi di Azione

- Research and Innovation
  - Demonstration
  - Technology Scale Up
  - Commercialisation
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## Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

<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>

Pagina Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/it/incentives/horizon-eic-accelerator>

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

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