

BUDGET FOR THE CALL	APPLICATION PERIOD
€100 million	16 September 2026 at 17h00
ELIGIBLE PERIOD	TYPE OF GRANT
1-3 years	Grant

## OBJECTIVE

EIC Transition is a funding programme under Horizon Europe targeting innovation activities that go beyond the experimental proof of principle in laboratory. It supports both the maturation and validation of novel technologies from the lab to the relevant application environments.

The EIC Transition offers support to SMEs, start-ups and organisations that:

- have identified EU-funded project result(s) with promising commercial potential that could be the basis for innovation and promising new businesses
- envision novel promising technology that is ready for the next steps towards its maturation and validation, to be further developed and validated for some specific, high potential, commercial applications
- have conducted preliminary market research to identify potential markets for their innovation and explored potential competitors
- envisage building a motivated and entrepreneurial team with a mix of skills, including researchers, businesspeople, marketers etc. to develop and drive the idea towards commercial success.

The EIC Transition Open has **no predefined thematic priorities** and is open to proposals in any field of science, technology or application.

The EIC Transition selection process comprises **2 steps**. Each step passed successfully give access to the next step:

- Submission of a **full proposal**
- Face to face **interview** with an EIC Jury

## BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS

You must meet one of the following eligibility conditions:

- **Single legal entities** established in a Member State or an Associated Country ('mono-beneficiary') if you are a start-up, SME or research performing organisation (university, research or technology organisation, including teams, individual Principal Investigators and inventors in such institutions who intend to form a spin-off company). Larger companies (i.e. which do not qualify as SMEs) are not eligible to apply as a single legal entity
- **Small consortia of two independent legal entities** from two different Member States or Associated Countries
- **Consortia of minimum three and maximum five independent legal entities** ('multi-beneficiary') following standard rules i.e. must include at least one legal

entity established in a Member State and at least two other independent legal entities, each established in different Member States or Associated Countries

EIC Transition is restricted to proposals based on results generated by the following eligible projects:

- **EIC Pathfinder projects** (including projects funded under the Horizon 2020 EIC pilot Pathfinder, FET-Open, FET-Proactive, CSA and CSA Lump sum FET Innovation Launchpad)
- **European Research Council Proof of Concept** projects funded Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe.
- **Research and Innovation Actions** funded under Horizon 2020 Societal challenges and Leadership in Industrial Technologies and under Horizon Europe pillar II, with an eligible TRL.
- **European Defence Fund (EDF)**, including the Preparatory Action on Defence Research, research projects, but only for proposals which are focused on civil applications (including dual use).
- **Research and Innovation Actions** funded under the Horizon Europe or Horizon 2020 Research Infrastructures part.

Applications based on an **ongoing** eligible **project** are admissible if the grant started more than **18 months before the cut-off date** of the EIC Transition call (6 months for ERC Proof of Concept). For **completed projects**, applications must be submitted within **24 months** of the project's end date.

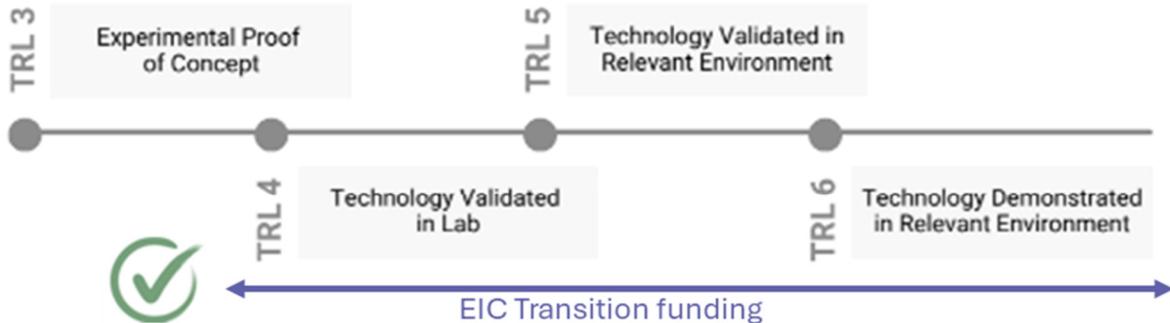
Applicants do not need to have participated in the original project; new actors such as start-ups and SMEs are encouraged. If the applicant was part of the eligible project, confirmation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ownership or rights to commercialise the results for the entire duration of the EIC Transition project must be provided. If the applicant was not part of the original project, a commitment letter from the IPR holder granting fair and non-discriminatory access for commercial exploitation is required.

#### **Participation restrictions:**

Applications with elements that concern the evolution of European communication networks (5G, post-5G and other technologies linked to the evolution of European communication networks) will be subject to restriction for the protection of European communication networks.

### **FUNDING CHARACTERISTICS**

Applications must be built on results already achieved within an eligible project that are, at least, experimental proof of concept (TRL 3) or, ideally, technology validated in the lab level (TRL 4). Proposals building on project results at TRLs other than **TRL3 or TRL4** are not eligible.



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- **Grants range** from EUR 0.5 million to EUR 2.5 million, with a project duration of 1 to 3 years, as appropriate.
- The projects funded through EIC Transition are eligible:
  - To receive **Booster grants** of a fixed amount **not exceeding EUR 50 000** to undertake complementary activities to explore potential pathways to commercialisation or for portfolio activities.
  - To submit an EIC Accelerator proposal via the Fast Track scheme.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum.
- It is mandatory to comply with Law 18/2022, of the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, for the creation and growth of enterprises, which, among others, modifies on Article 13 the Law 38/2003, of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, General Subsidies Law, so an enterprise will not be able to be a beneficiary of an aid over 30.000€ if it does not comply with the payment terms established under Law 3/2004 of combat of late payment (60 days).
- **This sheet is merely informative** and, thus, does not gather all the information. Referring to the regulatory legislation is imperative.