

BUDGET FOR THE CALL	APPLICATION PERIOD
€300 million	Any time (continuous)
ELIGIBLE PERIOD	TYPE OF GRANT
Not specified	Investment between €10 to 30 million
OBJECTIVE	
<p>The EIC STEP Scale Up scheme is part of the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), offering financial support to <b>scale-up innovation</b> in Europe's strategic technology sectors, <b>particularly in quantum technologies and semiconductors</b>, thereby enhancing the EU's economic and technological competitiveness. The EIC Step Up scheme will catalyze larger funding rounds, amplifying the impact of the initial investment (in the range of €50 to 150 million, and at least 3-5 times the EIC investment)</p> <p>Scope of innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Digital and Deep Tech</u>: Includes semiconductor, AI, quantum, advanced connectivity, sensing, robotics, and autonomous systems.</li> <li>• <u>Clean Technologies</u>: Focus on net-zero solutions like solar, wind, battery storage, geothermal, hydrogen, biogas, carbon capture, nuclear, and circular economy.</li> <li>• <u>Biotechnologies</u>: Includes critical medicines, DNA/RNA, proteins, cell engineering, gene vectors, bioinformatics, and nanobiotechnology.</li> </ul> <p>The EIC STEP selection process comprises <b>2 steps</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Submission of a <b>proposal</b>.</li> <li>○ Face to face <b>interview</b> with the EIC Jury if your proposal meets the eligibility requirements.</li> </ul>	
BENEFICIARIES AND CONDITIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A single SME or small mid-cap (up to 499 employees) established within a Member State or an Associated Country.</li> <li>• An investor may submit a proposal on behalf of an eligible SME or small mid-cap as defined above,</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> This scheme targets companies seeking major funding rounds, requiring proof of initial market interest from a qualified investor covering at least 20% of the total target funding round.</p>	
FUNDING CHARACTERISTICS	
<p>Investment <b>between €10 to 30 million</b> and extensive support:</p> <p>-Access Business Acceleration Services (BAS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to global partners</li> <li>• Access to coaches, mentors, expertise and training</li> <li>• Access to innovation ecosystem and peers</li> </ul> <p>-A STEP Seal for companies that meet the evaluation threshold, facilitating access to additional funding programs and investors.</p>	



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### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Supported companies must keep most of their value, including their IP, in the EU or in the Associated Countries.
- 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.