EIT Regional Innovation Booster

Poland edition **2026/2027**

At least **22 hours of expert support** free of charge.

Apply by 27 Jan 2027



Choose your next European market

Fully online, adjusted to your schedule.







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Applications 25 November 2026 – 27 January 2027, 16:00 CET

One European community. Relevant expertise.

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is an independent European Union body supporting innovation, entrepreneurial education and business creation across Europe.

It connects business, education and research through multi-country thematic partnerships called **Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)**.

EIT funds the EIT Regional Innovation Booster in four pilot countries, 2025–2028.

The EIT Community in numbers



Figures published by the EIT on the impact of the EIT Community.

Built for Polish ventures ready to grow

Up to 25 companies selected in this edition.
At least 22 hours: 2 hours of planning plus 20 hours with a matched expert — your own Buddy.
Fully online, so you can adjust it to your own schedule.
Stay focused — choose one target market: Germany, Spain or the Nordic countries.

Expert support is fully funded by the EIT.
No participant grant is provided under this Call.



Your Buddy: practical support, not just advice

An expert is your private matched Buddy, based on your target market, sector and maturity of your innovation.

01 **Practical, experience-based market and customer intelligence** for your chosen country.

02 **Guidance on positioning, pricing and market-entry priorities.**

03 **Answers to your sector, technology or regulatory questions.**

04 **Customer and partner mapping**, with relevant introductions where feasible.

Support stays within the mentoring scope agreed in your action plan. It does not guarantee sales, contracts or investment.



Is EIT RIB Poland for your company?

All conditions must be met for eligibility. Read the Call document!

Company
Single for-profit micro, small or medium-sized enterprise, registered in Poland.

Technology
Solution at TRL 7 or above, ready for market deployment and scaling.

Team
At least 1 full-time equivalent on the payroll.

Rights
You own the intellectual property, or hold exclusive commercialisation rights.

Investment
At least EUR 150,000 in prior private investment, raised through equity, convertible loans or other dilutive sources. Grants do not count.

Fit and market
Credible thematic relevance to at least one participating EIT KIC, and a credible rationale for entering Germany, Spain or the Nordics.

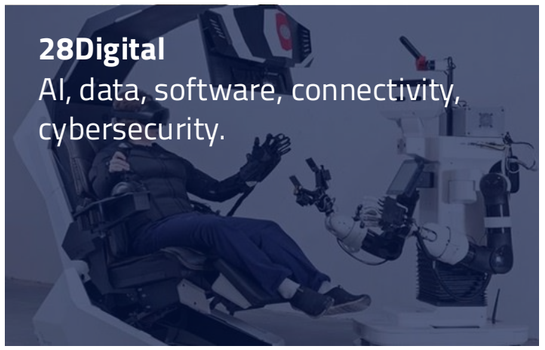
Selected companies may nominate up to two representatives. At least one must be the CEO or a senior manager authorised to decide market-entry priorities.

Find your KIC, find your market

Each KIC focuses on a societal challenge. Your solution must fit at least one participating KIC, and may fit more.



Climate KIC
Decarbonisation, climate adaptation, climate-neutral cities.



28Digital
AI, data, software, connectivity, cybersecurity.



InnoEnergy
Renewables, storage, energy efficiency, industrial decarbonisation.



EIT Health
Care delivery, diagnostics, digital health, medical technology.



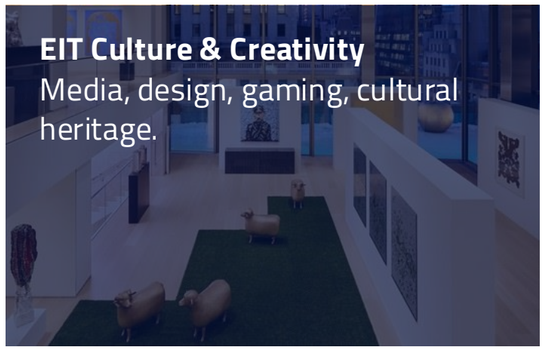
EIT RawMaterials
Advanced materials, recycling, circular economy, strategic raw materials.



EIT Food
Food production, nutrition, food safety, resilient agriculture.



EIT Urban Mobility
Public transport, logistics, mobility services, infrastructure.



EIT Culture & Creativity
Media, design, gaming, cultural heritage.

Choose the closest participating KIC and explain your rationale. Get sector expertise and market knowledge, with separate KIC follow-up routes where available.

EIT Water — participating from 2027. Read the full thematic descriptions in the Call Document.

A focused journey, built around your priorities

From application to a clear next step. Fully online, with no participant grant.



01

Assessment

Up to 25 highest-ranked eligible ventures with at least 70/100 are selected.



02

2 hours planning

Define your target market, priority questions and how to use the remaining hours.



03

20 hours with Buddy

Work through the agreed plan with a matched expert from your KIC.



04

Next steps

Update your action and market-entry summary, with non-binding KIC routes where available.

In parallel: your route to KIC investment teams

Once admitted, your pitch deck is automatically forwarded to relevant KIC investment teams, subject to your consent and confidentiality rules. They may invite you to a separate investment call. Their own criteria apply; review, invitation and investment are not guaranteed.

Not selected? You can stay in touch

Applying is also a way into the wider EIT Community.

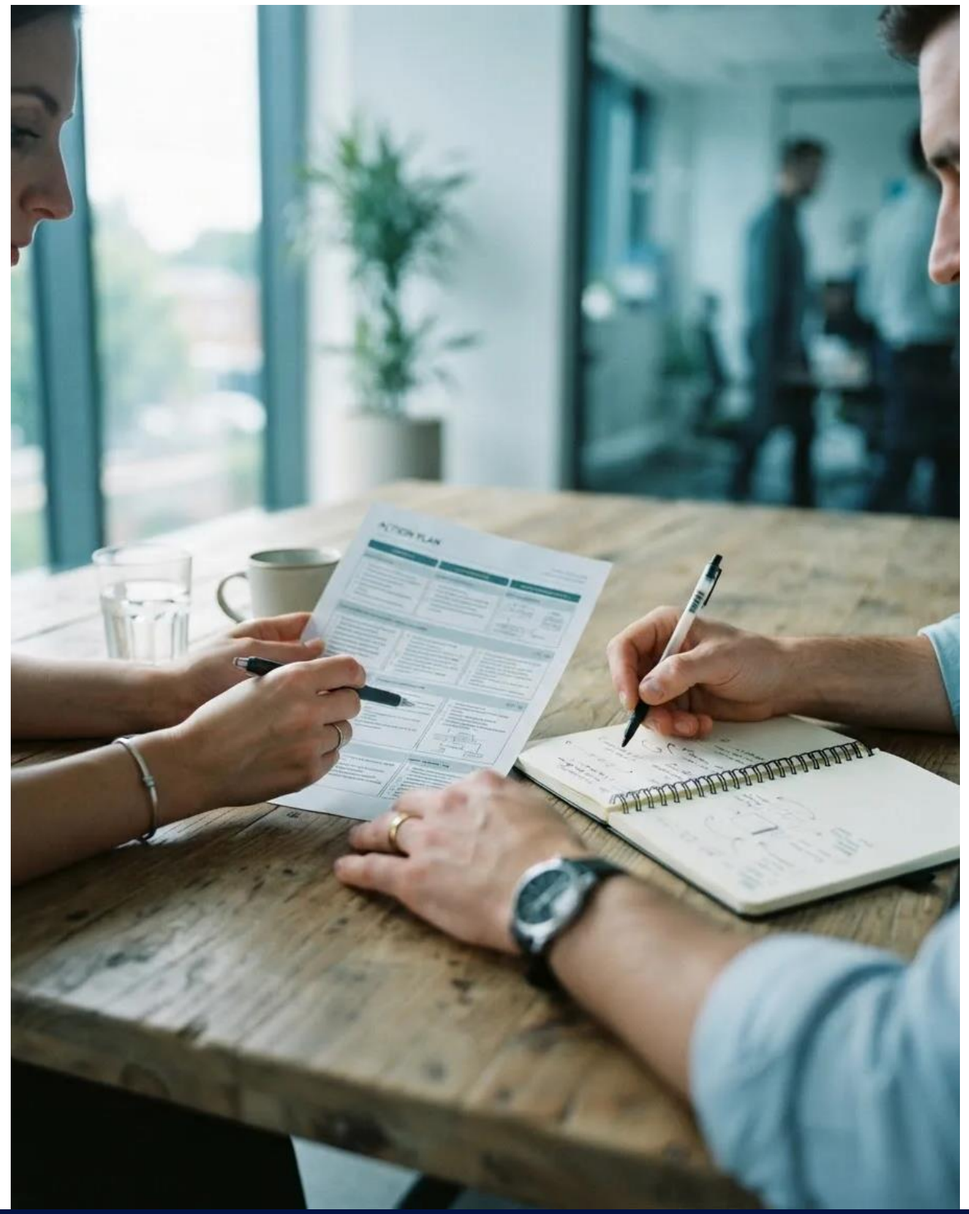
What happens if you are not admitted

With your consent, your company may remain in the EIT Community RIB prospects pipeline, so we can connect you with opportunities beyond the main cohort.

Stay connected to KIC opportunities

The application form includes consent to receiving relevant KIC offers, including future calls, later EIT RIB editions and other support services that fit your profile.

No automatic entitlement. Any KIC offer depends on your fit, the KIC's own priorities and availability, and its separate selection process. Receiving information is not an offer of funding, mentoring or investment.
You can contact the call team at any time to ask what is available to you.



Start with a plan.
Make every hour count.

The first **2 hours** set the direction for the whole programme.
You define your current position, chosen target market and priority questions.
You agree the mentoring objectives and how the remaining Buddy hours are allocated.
Up to two representatives per company. The CEO or an authorised senior manager must join this session.

Output: a Mentoring Planning Action Plan.

From a participant in the first edition

“We received a lot of valuable conversations and insights from the team of experts. During the matchmaking and after your introductions, many participants enjoyed our product and continued communicate with us. Some of them are ready to be part of our market landing plan, because the product complements the services they provide.”

Andrey Koziachy, CEO, Zolok

Participant, EIT RIB in Poland first edition (2025)

What you give and get

You receive

Tailored expert input.

Practical market-entry preparation.

Relevant ecosystem connections.

Feedback on possible KIC follow-up routes.

You commit to

Attending the agreed sessions.

Working on your action plan.

Submitting the mentoring record, final summary and feedback.

Sharing your communications plan and acknowledging EIT and EU support.



You sign the Participation Agreement before support begins. RIB Poland provides no participant grant, so there is no grant cost reporting.

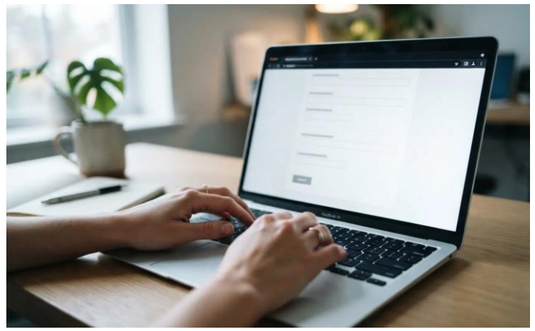
Your application and programme timeline

Apply from 25 November 2026 to 27 January 2027, 16:00 CET.



November – January

Applications open
Prepare your application and evidence before the deadline.



February – March

Screening and evaluation
Eligibility checks, then remote expert evaluation.



April

Onboarding and planning
Participation Agreement, kick-off and your two-hour planning session.



May – July

Buddy mentoring
Twenty hours of support, followed by your final summary.

Only the application window is fixed. Later phases are shown by month and remain indicative until confirmed in your invitation and Participation Agreement.



How to apply

1. Get your PIC. Register or check your nine-digit Participant Identification Code on the EU Funding & Tenders portal.
2. Apply once. One application per company, in English, through EIT Health Smart Simple.
3. Prepare your application. Tell us about your team, target market and expected outcome. We also ask for an investor-ready pitch deck and a pitch video.
4. Read the Call and FAQ. They explain eligibility, evaluation criteria and the supporting documents.

Deadline: 27 January 2027, 16:00 CET.
Start at least two weeks early. Technical support in the final week cannot be guaranteed.

The Call is managed by EIT Health but is cross-sectoral, involving experts from different EIT KICs.



Have any questions?

EIT RIB Poland 2026/2027

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Ask us about eligibility, your target market or how the programme works.

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