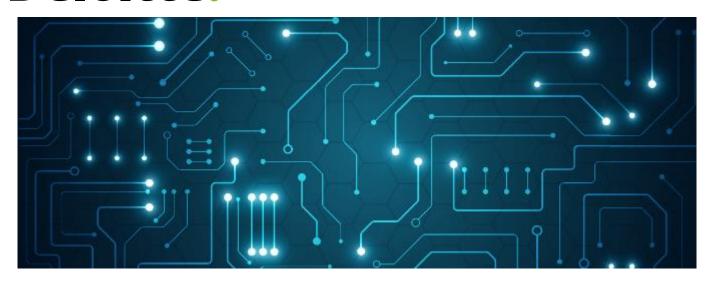
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European Innovation Council – Accelerator

A funding programme under Horizon Europe that offers support to start-ups and SMEs

Total budget of the programme: EUR 675 million

Grant amount:

- Provides up to 70% coverage of eligible costs, with a maximum grant amount of EUR 2,5 million for research and development (R&D)
- Provides capital investments of up to EUR 15 million

Objective: The EIC Accelerator focuses on innovations building on scientific discovery or technological breakthroughs ('deep tech') and where significant funding is needed over a long timeframe before returns can be generated ('patient capital')

Eligibility: The EIC Accelerator is open to start-ups, SMEs and small companies with a medium market capitalisation (up to 500 employees) and targets highly innovative firms aiming to develop and market novel products, services, and business models

Application process:

- Short project proposals, which may be submitted at any time
- Full project proposal, if the short project proposal is approved
- Interview, if the full project proposal is approved
- Contract negotiation, if selected

Deadlines:

- Short project proposals: any time
- Full project proposals: 13 March 3 October 2024

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