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# Horizon Europe, EIC Transition

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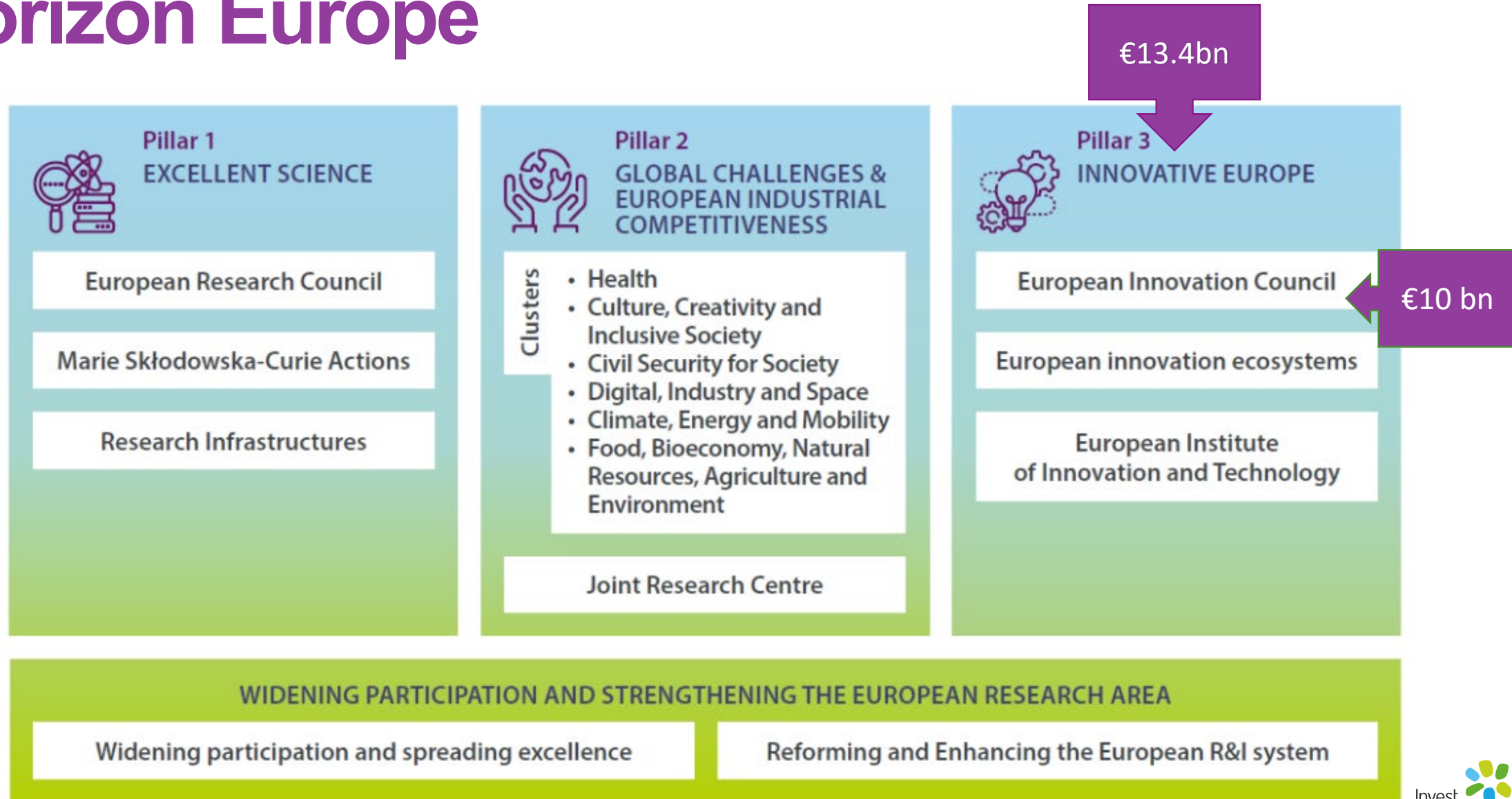
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**HORIZON EUROPE**

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION  
PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

# Horizon Europe



# The new European Innovation Council (EIC)

- €10 billion programme to identify, develop and scale up breakthrough technologies and disruptive innovations in Europe
- Combine research on emerging technologies with Accelerator start-ups, SMEs and scale-ups
- 3 main funding instruments – Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator
- Pro-active approach with flexible funding
- One year Work Programme

# EIC main instruments and characteristics

- **EIC Pathfinder**
  - Early stage research on breakthrough technologies
  - Grants up to €4 million
  - Successor of FET (Open & Proactive)
  
- **EIC Transition (new)**
  - Technology maturation from proof of concept to validation
  - Business & market readiness
  - Grants up to €2.5 million
  
- **EIC Accelerator** (successor to the SME instrument)
  - Development & scale up of deep-tech/ disruptive innovations by start-ups/ SMEs
  - Blended finance (grants up to €2.5 million; equity investment up to €15 million)

# EIC Transition – new funding scheme (1)

- Focus - **turning breakthrough technologies into disruptive innovations**
- Aimed at ‘researchers’ that want to **go beyond the experimental Proof of Principle** in the lab and approach the validation/demonstration of the technology in a relevant environment (TRL3 to TR5/6)
- Mix of EIC Transition Open and on Challenges
  - Transition Open (bottom up) - total budget €59.6m
  - Transition Challenges - total budget €40.5m
    - Medical Technology and Devices: from Lab to Patient
    - Energy harvesting and storage technologies
- Grants up to €2.5 million (poss. larger amounts, if properly justified). Funding rate 100% of eligible costs.

# EIC Transition – new funding scheme (2)

- Who can apply
  - **Single legal entity** established in MS or AC - if you are a **SME or a research performing organisation** (University, RTO, including teams, individual PIs and investors in such institutions that intends to form a spin-out company). Larger companies are not eligible.
  - **Small consortium** (2-5 independent legal entities), e.g. Universities, RTOs, SMEs or corporates, user/customer organisations or end-user.
- **For 2021 restricted to applications** on results generated by the following eligible projects:
  - EIC Pathfinder projects (incl. EIC pilot Pathfinder, H2020 FET-Open, FET-Proactive) and FET Flagship calls (incl. ERANET calls under the FET WP)
  - ERC Proof of Concept Projects

# EIC Transition – new funding scheme (3)

- Funds innovation activities beyond experimental proof of principle in the laboratory.
- Aimed at **maturing both your technology and business idea, increasing its technology and market readiness.**
- **At the end of the project you should be ready for the next stage**, which could be:
  - EIC Accelerator (SMEs) – Fast Track scheme
  - to seek other investors or sources of funding
  - to enter licensing or collaboration agreements with third parties, or
  - or other route to market.
- Projects funded through EIC Transition eligible for additional ad hoc grant (up to €50k) – portfolio activities

# The Evaluation Process – is a little different

- **First step - remote evaluation by at least 3 EIC expert evaluators**
  - Median of individual scores per criteria (excellence, impact, implementation)
  - Overall score sum of the three medians
  - Feedback 9 weeks after the call deadline
- **Second step – invited to face-to-face interview with EIC Jury\***
  - Represented by max. 5 people mentioned in the proposal
  - Jury composed of max. 6 members, may include 1 programme manager
  - Pitch your proposal and answer clarifying questions on aspects of your project
  - Jury recommends for funding or not (Go or No Go)
  - Invitation 13 weeks and feedback 17 weeks after the call deadline
- If successful, GA signed within 6 months from call deadline.

(\* ranked proposals passing evaluation criteria thresholds, aggregated financial support = double available budget)



# ELC Transition Evaluation Criteria

- **Excellence - Threshold 4/5**
  - Technological breakthrough
  - Technological feasibility
  - Objectives
- **Impact – Threshold 4/5**
  - Business and market fit
  - Economic and/or societal benefits
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Partnerships and investment readiness
- **Quality and efficiency of implementation – Threshold 3/5**
  - Quality of team
  - Milestones and Work plan
  - Allocation of resources

# Summary of ELC Transition Calls in 2021

		Who can apply	What for
Open Calls (Section II)		Single applicants (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organisations, universities) or Small consortia (two to 5 partners)	Grants of up to EUR 2.5 million (or more if properly justified)
Call deadlines	Indicative budget, €m		
22 September	59.60		
Challenge driven Calls (Section III)		Applications must build on results from eligible Pathfinder, FET or ERC Proof of Concept projects	...to validate and demonstrate technology in application relevant environment TRL 4 to 5/6) and develop market readiness
1. Medical technology & devices			
2. Energy harvesting and storage technologies			
Call deadlines	Indicative budget, €m		
22 September	40.50		

# Further information

## [EIC Transition \(europa.eu\)](https://eic.europa.eu)

- EIC Work Programme
- Guide lines for Applicants
- Frequently Ask Questions
- Application form
- Apply for [EIC Transition calls](#)

Recording of [EIC Transition info day presentations 29 March 2021](#)

Recording of EIC [Launch ceremony of the European Innovation Council – YouTube](#) 18 March 2012

Recording of EIC [EIC Applicant's Day 2021 | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#) 19 March 2021

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