



EIT MANUFACTURING ACCELERATE

Permanently Open Call for financial support to start-ups

Accelerate programme supports and grants financing to start-ups and scale-ups with innovative solutions and technologies, that address critical challenges in the manufacturing sector, and are helping the European manufacturing sector to become more efficient, resilient, green, and globally competitive.

Purpose:

EIT Manufacturing aims to tackle critical industrial challenges identified across the areas of:

- Digitalisation and Automation;
- Net Zero Industry;
- Renewable Energy; and
- Circular Economy.

Including the following priorities: Industrial AI, Robotics, Additive Manufacturing, Advanced Materials, Critical Components, Electronics, Semiconductors, Photonics, Quantum Computing, Renewables, Energy Storage, Carbon Capture.

Next Cut-offs:

- **4th cut-off date: 16 December 2024;**
- 5th cut-off date: 19 February 2025;
- 6th cut-off date: 21 April 2025.

Budget:

8,800,000 EUR.

Financial support (“sub-grant”):

- 50.000 EUR < sub-Grant < 500.000 EUR

Who can apply?

Start-ups with solutions at **Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6 or higher**, that are currently fundraising, with the following characteristics:

- Developing new products for manufacturing customers, and have a B2B business model;
- Have an innovative product contributing to at least one of the EIT Manufacturing Strategic Objectives (SOs), thematic areas, and priority technologies, products and/or solutions;
- Have relevant business and technical expertise available in the team;
- Demonstrate sound Business Planning.

Specific conditions:

- Start-ups must have at least 2 team members and headquarters in any Member State of the EU, or in any country associated with Horizon Europe programme.

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Financial support:

Start-ups are selected to receive financial support, which includes access to exclusive funding opportunities to scale sustainable through innovation projects and follow-on financial support opportunities.

In this sense, EIT Manufacturing has set up a **Services Agreement framework**, including a list of services, which will be provided to the applicant for a period between 2 and 24 months, namely:

- Lead generation and access to market support;
- Support in investor search for next investment round;
- Investment readiness support;
- Support in strengthening the sales pitch and go-to-market strategy;
- Post-investment support;
- Management support;
- Access to EITM platforms and events;
- Business acceleration support through Venture Building programme focused on mentoring and workshops on Market and Investment Readiness; and
- Access to talent and experts.

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