

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) & Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)

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Mission:

to contribute to sustainable European economic growth and competitiveness by reinforcing the **innovation capacity** of the EU...

... by promoting and integrating the **knowledge triangle** of higher education, research and business





Key features

- Overcoming fragmentation via world-class long-term integrated partnerships
- Adding value to the existing research base, by accelerating the take-up and exploitation of technologies and research outcomes
- **Integrating** education and entrepreneurship with research and innovation
- Nurturing Europe's main innovation asset: its **highly talented people**
- Operating according to **business logic** and a results-oriented approach
- **Leveraging investment**, notably private funding



Boost the innovation process from...



EIT's first 3 KICs - designated in December 2009



EIT ICT Labs



KIC InnoEnergy



EIT's 2 new KICs - designated in December 2014

EIT Health







Knowledge and Innovation Communities

Main characteristics

- Iong-term strategic approach (each KIC is set up for a min. of 7 years)
- high degree of integration (each KIC is a legal entity)
- effective governance: leadership by a Chief Executive Officer and a lean management team at central and co-location level
- the co-location model (each KIC consists of typically 5-6 cluster-like nodes with a clear geographic anchoring)
- sufficient autonomy and flexibility: to determine organisational structure and activities governed by a Board of KIC partners organisations
- clear targets and deliverables (each KIC sets up a business plan with measurable deliverables)
- Smart funding & high degree of commitment of partners (EIT funding to KICs is max. 25% of their total budget over time, with 75% to be attracted from other sources – public and private)

NO ONE-SIZE FITS ALL KIC MODEL !!!



Portfolio of integrated activities

1. Education: nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial talent

- Master and doctoral programmes/ schools
- Executive training and post-doctoral education
- Continuous professional development courses/ modules
- Learning modules and OER

2. Business development & entrepreneurship

- Business mentoring/coaching
- Market assessment
- Access to finance/VCs
- Access to networks
- Challenge led competitions

3. Innovation

- Testing facilities & simulation tools
- Demonstration actions
- IPR and patent support





Integrating the European innovation landscape : 838 players





Some of the KIC partners





Main achievements in figures



processes launched



Strategic Priorities



EIT is part of Horizon 2020



Why?

- Alignment of priorities
- Promoting synergies
- Bringing a clear added value



Higher budget for higher impact...

2008 – 2013: 308 million 2014 – 2020: 2,383 billion



2014-2020 Priorities

Fostering growth and impact of first 3 KICS

1

Climate-KIC EIT ICT Labs KIC InnoEnergy Creating 5 new KICs EIT Health

2

EIT Raw Materials

2016 EIT Food

EIT Manufacturing

2018 EIT Urban Mobility

Sharing and Disseminating EIT good practices

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incl. EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS)



Opportunities for Turkish organisations



How to become involved in a KIC?

1) Participation as KIC partners

Existing KIC => contact the KICs management team (different KICs, different policies)

Future KICs => 2 calls for KICs proposals 2016: EIT Food and EIT Manufacturing 2018: EIT Mobility



2016 call timeline: submission & evaluation process





How to become involved in a KIC?

2) Participation in KICs activities

EIT and KICs aim to, and are already, **attracting academics, students**, **researchers and innovators from all over the world** in their education, innovation and business creation activities

3) International cooperation projects

KICs are working together with international players. Examples:

- Climate-KIC & Chinese city of Tianjin on low-carbon city projects
- EIT Digital hub in Silicon Valley (USA)
- Participation of KIC InnoEnergy in the FP7 project Maghrenov together with Maghreb partners





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