

Enhanced European Innovation Council Pilot

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The EIC pilot was first introduced in 2018 under the current Horizon 2020 programme. Building on that experience, European Commission now introduces enhanced funding schemes supporting great ideas and innovation.

New funding opportunities for 2019 and 2020 under the Enhanced EIC Pilot include the following schemes:

- **EIC Pathfinder Pilot** - comprises FET-Open and FET-Proactive and offers grants of up to €4 million to promote collaborative, inter-disciplinary research and innovation on science-inspired and radically new future technologies,
- **EIC Accelerator Pilot** - builds on the SME Instrument Phase II and provides grant-only support (up to €2,5 million) as well as support in the form of blended finance (combining grant (up to €2,5 million) with an equity investment of up to €15 million). It supports high-risk, high-potential SMEs with potential to develop and commercialise new products, services and business models that could drive economic growth and shape new markets in Europe and worldwide.



The date: 7th May 2019

The Venue: Novotel Warszawa Centrum Hotel, Marszałkowska str. 94/98

Organizer: European Commission, CE Representation in Poland, Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU.

AGENDA

09.30 - 10.30	Registration/coffee
10.30 - 12.00	Panel 1 - THE ENHANCED EIC PILOT – NEW APPROACH TO FUNDING
10:30 – 10:50	Introduction to policy rationale for the European Innovation Council Patrick Child – Deputy Director-General - DG RTD - European Commission
10:50 – 12:00	<p>Panel and Q&A discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patrick Child, Deputy Director General of DG RTD, European Commission - Kinga Stanisławska, High Level Group of Innovators of EIC - Mateusz Gaczyński – Director, Ministry of Science and Higher Education - Mateusz Sagan, Director of Development in SDS OPTIC – Beneficiary Phase 2, SME Instrument <p>Moderator: Artur Osiecki – Journalist, Rzeczpospolita</p>
12:00 - 12:15	Coffee brake
12:15 – 13:45	Panel 2 - HOW TO RECEIVE FUNDING (IMPLEMENTATION)
12:15 – 12:30	<p>How to receive funding? (Implementation) - Presentation of the new funding and practical elements, Q&A discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timo Hallantie, Head of Unit, REA , European Commission - Grzegorz Ambroziewicz, Deputy Head of Unit, EASME - Katarzyna Jakimowicz, Senior Programme Advisor, DG RTD <p>Moderator: Artur Osiecki – Journalist, Rzeczpospolita</p>
13:45 – 14:45	LUNCH
14.45 – 15.30	<p>Project Presentation - ACCESS4SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antonio Carbone - National Contact Point Horizon2020 <p><i>Access4SMEs is the Eu Network of H2020 SMEs and Access to risk finance National Contact Point. One of the Network's main objective is to identify and share key success factors for SME competitive proposals across different H2020 and EIC projects. This practical session is aimed to provide potential applicants with practical tools (including Access4SMEs annotated templates, toolbox for close to market activities) to improve their value proposition and increase the quality of their EIC applications.</i></p>