

Application form for the EIT Regional Innovation Booster – Polish Edition 2025

Welcome to the EIT Regional Innovation Booster – Polish Edition

The EIT Regional Innovation Booster (RIB) is a prestigious initiative launched by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Poland, aimed at propelling high-potential start-ups and scale-ups from Poland onto the European stage.

Join an exclusive cohort of visionary entrepreneurs and gain:

- ✓ Country-specific market intelligence
- ✓ Tailored support for internationalisation
- ✓ Strategic networking opportunities in key EU ecosystems
- ✓ Enhanced international visibility

Ventures that successfully complete the first phase will be eligible to apply for Phase 2, with access to dedicated government grants to support their expansion across European markets.

If you're building a deep-tech solution and are ready to scale beyond borders — this is your moment.

Application? That's easy.

- We expect this task to take a minimum 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- Only applications submitted in English will be considered.
- Before you begin, please review the Terms & Conditions for full details and evaluation criteria.
- You will need to upload a 3 min. Video of your Elevator Pitch as well as several documents such as: Registration certificate of your company, Pitch deck, Company logo, Letters of Intent (LoI) or similar agreements for Use Cases.

1. 🚀 Are You Ready to go global?*

Before you apply, make sure you tick all the 5 following boxes — only fully eligible applicants will be considered!

Let's start with the first one! Are you officially in the game?

We're a for-profit SME, registered and operating in Poland and powered by innovation.

2. 🛠️ Let's Talk Tech Readiness*

We're looking for solutions that are market-tested and ready to fly.

Our solution is at TRL 7 or higher.

3. 🌍 Thinking Beyond Borders

Now's the time to show you're serious about going international.*

We are ready to scale or run a use-case in one of the following markets: Nordic countries (Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Iceland), Germany, Spain.

4. 👥 Meet the Team Behind the Vision

It takes a strong, capable crew to go global — is yours ready?*

Our team is built for international growth — with a full-time CEO and at least two team members ready to scale.

5. 🗝️ Protecting Your Big Idea

Innovation is valuable — and so is protecting it.*

We employ a strategic, global IP protection approach—securing full ownership of our innovations through patents, trademarks, and trade secrets to safeguard our competitive edge and long-term value

6. Section 1: Personal Information of the Applicant*

Let's start with the basics! In this section, we get to know you. From your name to key personal details, this part helps us connect the application to the individual behind it.

First up: What is your name?

7. What is your email address?*

8. What is your phone number?*

9. What is your country of residence?*

10. What is your nationality?*

11. What is your function in the company you represent?*

12. Section 2: Company Details*

Now let's dive into the organization behind the application. This section gives us a snapshot of the company you represent — who you are, what you do, and where you're based.

First up: What is the name of your company?

13. Is your company an SME based on [EU definition](#)?*

14. Please add a link to your company website. [Short Text]

15. Please add a link to your company LinkedIn. [Short Text]

16. Section 3: Incorporation Info*

This section focuses on your company's legal foundation. We'll ask for key details about when and where your business was officially established. These details help us verify the company's registration and background.

First up: What is the date of incorporation of your company?

17. What is the country of incorporation of your company?*

18. What is the registration number of your company?*

19. Please upload registration certification of your company.*

20. Please attach your company logo.

21. Please confirm that your start-up is not directly or indirectly funded by entities based in the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus, does not have affiliated entities registered in these countries, or does not engage subcontractors, service providers, or any partners operating from or registered in these jurisdictions.*

-Yes, I confirm, there are no direct or indirect connections to Russian Federation and/or the Republic of Belarus.

-My company has direct or indirect connections to Russian Federation and/or the Republic of Belarus.

22. Section 4: Team*

Every great company is powered by its people. In this section, we're looking at the size and structure of your team to better understand your organization's capacity and resources.

First up: What is the number of FTEs (full-time equivalent) in your company?

23. What is the number of women, expressed in full-time equivalents (FTEs), on your company's management team?*

24. Is your CEO working full-time in the company?*

25. Team Structure and Unique Team Qualification.*

Who does what—and why it matters. Briefly introduce your core team members, their roles, and how your team is organized to drive execution and growth. What sets your team apart? Highlight the unique mix of expertise, track record, or insights that make your team exceptionally equipped to deliver this solution and scale it successfully.

26. Which team members currently hold or are expected to receive shares, and what is the distribution?*

27. Section 5: Pitch*

Here's your chance to showcase what your company offers. This section is all about your product or solution — what it is, what it does, and why it matters. Let's start by giving it a name.

First up: What is the title of your product or solution?

If you don't have a specific name, please provide your company name instead.

28. Company Snapshot.*

What's your mission — and why does it matter?

Give a compelling one-liner that captures your purpose, what you do, and the change you're driving. Clearly and concisely capture the essence of your idea—what challenge is addressed? How? What it does, who it helps, and why it matters. Avoid confidential details, as this pitch may be shared publicly or featured in marketing materials.

29. Please upload your company non-confidential pitch.*

30. Please upload a video of your elevator Pitch.*

Please create a short video, no longer than 3 minutes, in English. The video should clearly present the problem your company is trying to solve, followed by a demonstration of your solution and how it effectively addresses that problem.

Introduce your core team and highlight their roles and strengths. Be sure to mention the international market you would like to scale to, as referenced in the call document, and explain why this market is a strategic fit for your company. Finally, describe how prepared your product and team are for internationalisation—this could include your product's current readiness, market research, localisation efforts, or existing partnerships. The video should be

engaging, informative, and focused on your company's potential for global expansion.

31. The Problem. What pain point are you solving — and for whom?*

Describe the real-world challenge your customers face, and why it's urgent or costly to ignore. Who is affected, and why is this issue important? Explain the social, environmental, or economic impact your solution creates.

32. Your Solution. How does your product or service make life better?*

Describe your product or solution in more detail. Explain what you are building, how it works. Highlight the key value you offer and how you uniquely address the problem. What makes your solution unique / beyond state of the art? Be clear, concrete, and focused—this is your chance to show the value and functionality of your innovation.

33. What is the current [Technology Readiness Level \(TRL\)](#) of your solution?*

Indicate the Technology Readiness Level (5–9) that best describes the maturity of your product or technology.

34. Briefly justify your selected TRL.*

Has your product/solution been demonstrated in an operational environment (e.g., through pilots, beta programs, or real customer deployments)? Provide a short explanation of your product or solution's status, with specific reference to: Market & Business: Outline customer validation, traction, or market readiness; Regulatory & Approvals: Indicate if any certifications, licenses, or compliance steps are required or already achieved; Technology: Describe the development stage, testing, and technical validation completed to date.

35. Do you own or control relevant IP?*

36. Please elaborate about the IP.*

37. Competitive Edge. Who else is out there — and why are you different?*

Map out key competitors and make your unique advantages crystal clear.

38. Revenue Engine. How do/will you make money — and scale it?*

Lay out your business model and how it supports growth and profitability. Please briefly describe details about your sales to date and prospects in the pipeline.

Please indicate the countries where your product or solution is currently available on the market.

39. Key Financials. What are the numbers telling us? Please indicate your funding stage*.

Bootstrapping

Pre-Seed Stage

Seed Stage

Series A

Series B

Series C and Beyond

IPO / Exit

40. What is the company's self-estimated valuation [PLN/EUR]?*

41. What is the total amount of private investment attracted up to date [PLN/EUR]?*

42. What is the Annual Sales Revenue [PLN/EUR]?*

43. Section 6: Market Entry & Traction*

This section helps us understand your target market and how your business is gaining momentum. Tell us where you want to make an impact and share your progress so far.

First up: Which market would you like to enter as part of the EIT RIB programme?

Nordic Countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden)

Germany

Spain

44. Why is this market relevant for your product/solution?*

Consider local demand, partners, competition, regulations.

45. Go-to-Market Strategy for Chosen Country.*

What steps would you take to enter the selected market? Highlight if you have already attempted entering this market earlier, what worked, what didn't work and where would you need the most support (e.g. customer acquisition, partnerships, localization efforts, etc.).

46. Market-Specific Barriers.*

What barriers do you anticipate in the selected market(s) (e.g. regulatory, cultural, distribution), and how do you plan to overcome them? Are there certifications or approvals required in your target market(s)? If yes, what have you done so far?

47. Partnerships*

Do you have existing commercial partnerships, and if so, who are your partners, and what are the terms of your partnership?. Please attach: Proof of customer traction in Poland — ideally Letters of Intent (LoI) or similar agreements for Use Cases with existing clients validating the technology.

48. Why do you want to participate in the EIT RIB and what support do you expect from the programme?*

49. How would your start-up promote Poland in the selected European market?*

50. Section 7: Prior Public Support*

To get the full picture, we'd like to know if you've previously engaged with public support programs, especially within the EIT community. This helps us understand your experience and existing relationships.

First up: Have you participated in any programmes of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) before?

51. If Yes, please indicate which Knowledge and Innovation Community you worked with.

52. Have you previously received funding from European Commission Horizon 2020 and/or Horizon Europe?*

53. If yes, please specify.

54. Have you previously received funding from Regional funding bodies?*

55. If yes, please specify.

56. Section 8: Sustainability and Inclusion*

We value solutions that contribute to a better, more inclusive world. In this section, we want to understand how your product or service aligns with global sustainability goals and promotes inclusion.

First up: Which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) does your solution address? (You can find more information on the SDGs on the United Nations website [here](#))

57. Briefly describe how (if at all) your activity is contributing to the general objectives of the European Green Deal?*

For more information, you can visit [this](#) webpage.

58. Briefly describe how (if at all) your activity is contributing to Gender Equality and Inclusivity.*

59. Section 9: Feedback*

Your input matters! This final section helps us understand how you found out about the EIT RIB programme and how can we reach more innovators like you.

First up: How did you hear about the EIT RIB programme?

60. Section 10: Acknowledgements & Consent*

Before you finish, please review and confirm the important declarations below. This ensures that all information is complete and that you understand the submission rules.

Please confirm:

I confirm that this submission is final. All answers and documents (if required) have been filled out completely and/or submitted within this form. Only one submission per company per programme will be accepted. Emails or additional entries will not be considered in the evaluation. EIT reserves the right to exclude any application from the evaluation process if these conditions are not met.

I confirm

61. I have reviewed the [privacy policy](#). I agree its terms and I agree to share our data for the purpose of the programme.*

I agree

62. In case my company is selected to the EIT RIB programme, I agree that the information from this application may be shared with the mentors of the Bootcamps, Matchmaking, as well as Partners of the EIT RIB programme, under the confidentiality clause and only for training purposes, and it won't be shared outside of the programme.*

I agree

63. I accept the [Terms and Conditions](#).

I accept