



Increase in funding for game changing green innovation and woman-led companies



A significant increase to the **European Innovation Council (EIC) Pilot** budget is expected to be adopted by the European Commission in March 2020, to support game-changing, market-creating innovation and deep-tech SMEs to scale-up, paving the ground for the launch of a 'fully-fledged' programme in Horizon Europe (2021 – 2027).

A one-off EIC Accelerator call for 'Green Deal' start-ups and SMEs is expected, whereby all applicants submitting for the 19 May '20 cut-off will need to demonstrate how their innovation contributes to the goals of **The European Green Deal**.

- Increasing the EU's climate mitigation and/or adaptation ambition;
- Supplying clean, affordable and secure energy;
- Transitioning of industry to a clean and/or circular economy (including waste prevention and/or recycling);
- Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way;
- Accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility;
- Transition to a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system;
- Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity;
- Realising a zero pollution ambition and a toxic-free environment

Grant funding of up to **€2.5 million** (70% of costs)

Option of equity investment of up to **€15 million**

Cut-off date - 19 May 2020

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EIC one-stop-shop

Your application will be dealt with in an EIC one-stop-shop, bringing together **support for EU innovation across EU agencies and a dedicated investment vehicle** (for equity). All applications are assessed by independent evaluators with a tailored mix of research, technical and business expertise.

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New opportunities for companies with women CEOs (or equivalent positions) have been announced, to ensure 25% of all finalists in the **EIC Accelerator Pilot** are women-led companies.

If, following the first-round remote evaluation, a minimum of 25% of companies selected for the final-stage interviews are not led by women, additional interviews will be scheduled.

To be applied for call cut-off dates: 19 May and 7 October 2020.

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