

European Innovation Council: Backing Visionary Entrepreneurs

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The European Innovation Council: a game changing investing approach

- Europe's most **ambitious innovation programme**, budget of **€10 billion** (21-27);
- Focus on **Deep Tech & Scale Up** in line with the New European Innovation Agenda
- EIC Accelerator **designed for startups** with simple access and substantial funding (up to up to €2.5m grant and €15+m investments);
- **Full cycle from research** (EIC Pathfinder) to **spinout** (EIC Transition) to **startup and scaleup** (Accelerator);
- Steered by the **EIC Board of leading innovators** from across Europe



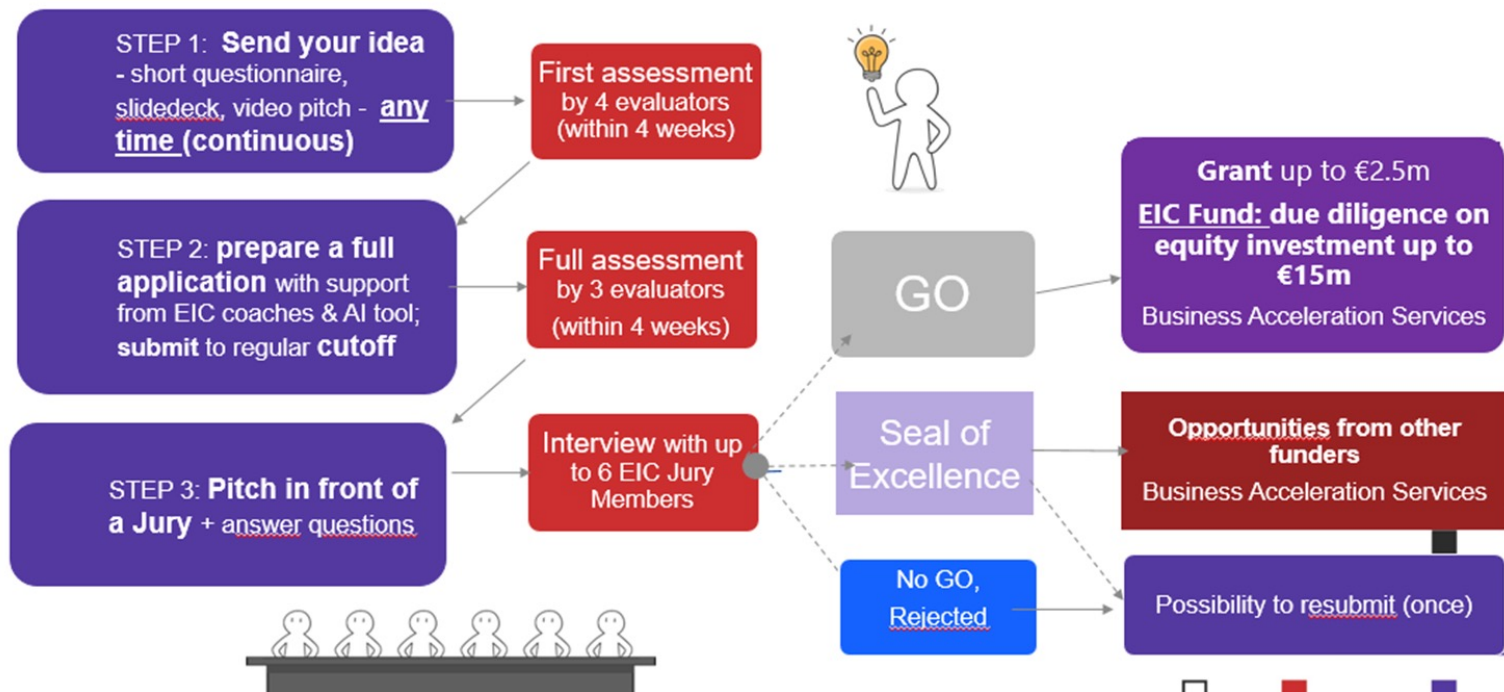
How to apply to the EIC Accelerator

Apply any time, for any innovation with simple form, video and pitch deck

Answer within 4 weeks

Free coaching services to prepare full application

Comprehensive support: financing, access to expertise, partners, markets



Some novelties

- **Fast Track** from EIT
 - KIC will assess if your company fits EIC profile and submit direct to EIC full application stage.
- **Women.Tech EU** scheme
 - Early stage support to female founders with mentorship scheme
- **Seal of Excellence**
 - Awarded to EIC Applicants who meet the criteria, to facilitate funding from national programmes, Structural Funds, etc





Bulgarian participation in EIC funding opportunities: a promising start..

■ EIC Pathfinder

- Bulgarian entities participate as consortium members but not as consortium leaders
- Possibility of “Hop On” to ongoing projects for Bulgarian partners

■ EIC Accelerator: 20 successful companies (since 2018 > €20m), e.g:

- *FOILON: developing and producing biodegradable and suitable for compost laminating film called LAMON and packaging foil PACKON, lowering plastic pollution)*
- *Dronamics: The first European cargo drone airline*
- *Transmetrics: The AI platform that optimizes logistics planning and asset management by leveraging the power of predictive analytics and artificial intelligence*

■ **85 short applications, 35 full applications since 2021**

■ **22 Seals of Excellence since 2018**

