EIT RawMaterials

Glossary/Keywords:

- EIT - European Institute of Innovation & Technology
- KIC - Knowledge & Innovation Community (ies)
- KAVA – Key Added Value Activities

RIS Innovation KAVA Projects **SCOPE:**

Innovation Projects based on **validated technologies** that need **additional step(s) for testing, demonstration, proof of concept and up-scaling prior to commercialization, ie t**o support good technologies, products, and services that are currently under development in RIS countries to reach market entry.

TRL: TRL6 on proposal, at least TRL8 by the end of project

TOPIC: at list one that aligns with Lighthouse programmes

- **Responsible Sourcing** leading the innovation in mineral exploration, responsible sourcing and processing of raw materials for Europe's green future.
- **Sustainable Materials** guiding innovation in the making, using, and recycling of sustainable and cost-efficient raw materials for future green mobility and energy.
- **Circular Societies** fostering innovation in the radical shift to a circular economy and society enabling economic growth and carbon-neutrality

FUNDING & DURATION:

The budget for each Project will be in 1st year, app. 500,000 EUR of EIT Funding (Phase 1) and in case of successful interim evaluation and continuation to Phase 2 additional 300- 500k of EIT Funding. The total funding shall not be higher than EUR 1.000,000 for both Phase 1 and Phase 2, with maximum of 2.5 years duration

Approval for funding in Phase 1 does not guarantee financial support to Phase 2.

Co-funding contributed by the Project consortium should be **minimum 20% of the total funding requested** (NOT 20% of the EIT funding). Projects that provide a higher co-funding will be evaluated positively. The co-funding contributed by each partner does not need to be proportional to the funding allocated.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Consortia with at least two partners from different Horizon Europe-eligible countries.
- Consortia must represent at least two sides of the knowledge triangle: education, research, and industry/business.

Partners/consortium: It is possible to add other partners to the consortium after the Project selection, but without changes to the total KAVA budget allocated to the Project. Those partners have to be formally named to and approved by EIT RawMaterials, and in case of a non-member to submit an EIT RawMaterials membership application.

Subcontrating: Specific tasks may be attributed to subcontractors, as long as the necessity is clearly justified and follows the general Horizon Europe principles; depending on the scope of the work to be provided, it may be necessary for the entity to become a partner.

ELIGIBILITY

Budgets and costs follow guidelines in EIT Reference Project 101113034 — EIT RM BP23-25 — HORIZON-EIT-2023-2025-KIC, based on the multi-annual Model Grant Agreement ("MGA") provided by the European Commission/EIT, available at general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf (europa.eu).

- GENERAL MODEL GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE HORIZON EUROPE PROGRAMME (HORIZON) 1 EURATOM RESEARCH AND TRAINING PROGRAMME (EURATOM) 2 (HE MGA — MULTI & MONO) - V1.2 – 01.11.2024

- GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES (SUB-GRANTING)

Take note at:

ARTICLE 6 — ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE COSTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

(...) In-kind contributions provided by third parties free of charge may be declared as eligible direct costs by the beneficiaries which use them (under the same conditions as if they were their own, provided that they concern only direct costs and that the third parties and their inkind contributions are set out in Annex 1 (or approved ex post in the periodic report, if their use does not entail changes to the Agreement which would call into question the decision awarding the grant or breach the principle of equal treatment of applicants; 'simplified approval procedure').

(....) If the Recipient relies on its affiliated entities or other third parties (see Article 4.4 of these T&C), the Recipient retains sole responsibility towards EIT, the KIC LE and the other Recipients involved in the Project(s). If the KIC LE requires joint and several liability of affiliated entities they must sign the declaration set out in Annex 3a to the GA2023-2025 EIT RM and may be held liable in case of enforced recoveries against their Recipients (see Article 22.2 and 22.4 of the GA2023-2025 EIT RM)

EIT RawMaterials seeks for Projects to be structured as separate companies, operating at arms' length from the commercialisation partners.

Selected Projects will be following cascading modalities to administer the funding

HOW TO APPLY

- SeedBook online platform

- **2025 Cut-off Deadlines:**
  - Friday 30th May 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 3
  - Friday 29th August 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 4
  - Friday 28th November 2025 at 13.00 CET (Berlin time) for cut-off 5

Proposal mandatory elements:

1. **Strategy**. The consortium must explain how the **project is aligned with the overall strategy of EIT RawMaterials** as outlined in Strategic Agenda 2021-2027.

2. **Financial sustainability**. The consortium must

a) state which Financial Sustainability Mechanism (FSM) option has been selected (Revenue sharing, Equity, Hybrid FSM)

b) provide a summary of this option (including expected value (in €), timeline and mechanisms) and

c) outline how the project will **contribute to the financial sustainability of the KIC.**

3. **Core KPIs**. The proposal must address (include as a target) KPIs, and at least one of the EIT Core KPIs

Example (from EIT RM Business Plan 2023-25, page 19, Table 2.1. List of EIT Core KPIs)

- EIT area - Innovation
- KPI Code - [EITHE02.4]
- EIT KPI - Innovations launched on the market with a sales revenue of at least 10 000 EUR documented
- Target Indicate - 80

4. **Start-ups**. The **creation of start-ups** from all types of projects is a key objective (documented via EITHE04.1 KPI), and will be evaluated positively. Consortia must clearly state if and how many start-ups will be created, and provide the relevant details.

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