



EIC support for (SME) innovators

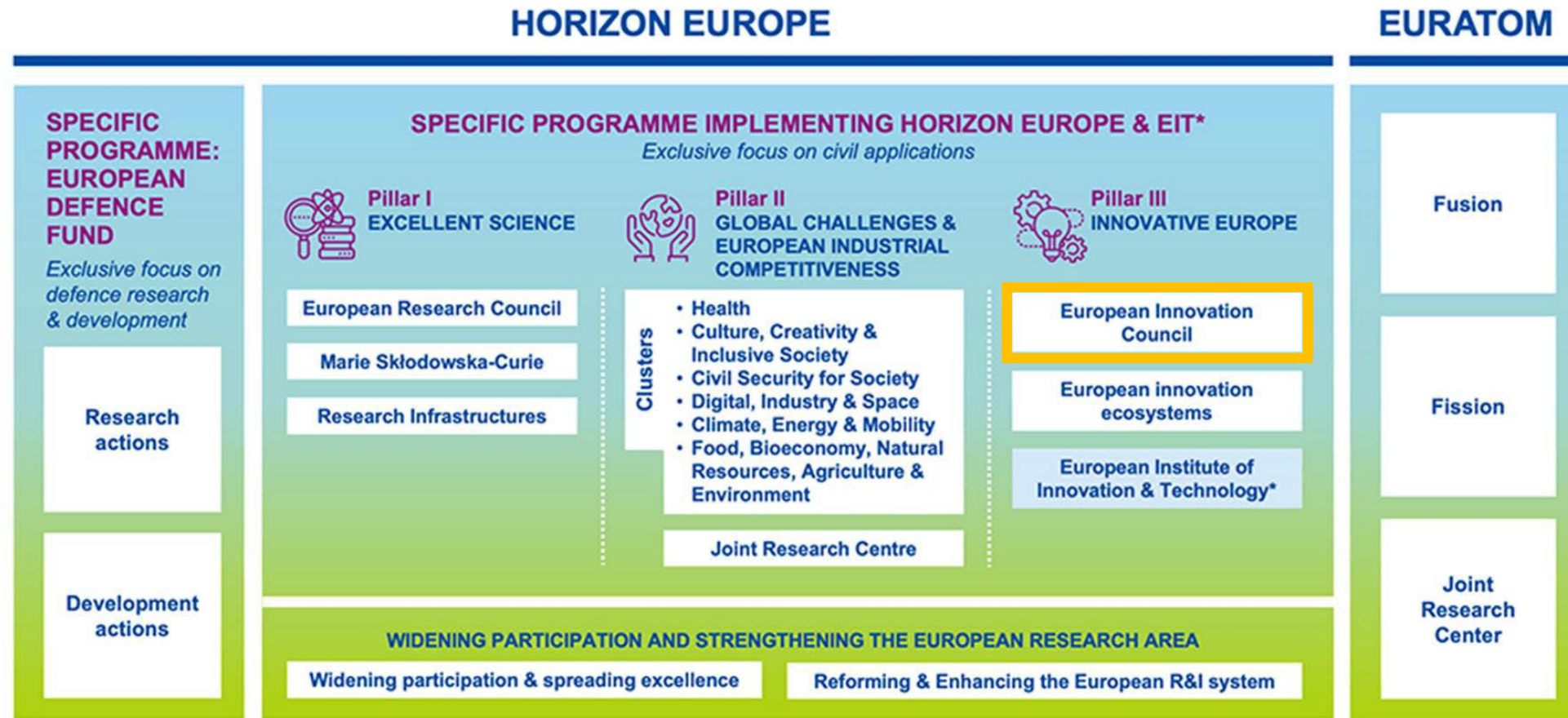
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EMA roundtable – SME Regulation 20th anniversary



What is the European Innovation Council (EIC)?



* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

Backing visionary entrepreneurs

Mission to identify, develop and deploy high risk innovations of all kinds.

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EIC PRIZES

- Women innovators
- Capital of innovation
- Innovation procurement
- Social innovation
- Horizon
- Humanitarian Innovation



SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

Fast track to other funding



EIC ACCELERATOR SERVICES

- Mentors, coaches
- Global partners
- Innovation ecosystems
- EIC Community Platform



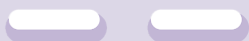
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- To enter the market & scale-up (TRL 6-9)



EIC TRANSITION

- For consortia & single companies
- Grants up to **€2.5 million** To develop
- business cases (TRL 4-6)



EIC PROGRAMME MANAGERS

- In-house Leading Experts
- Identifying potential challenges in **emerging deep tech areas**
- Pro-actively managing EIC Pathfinder, Transition and Accelerator portfolios



EIC PATHFINDER

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- To research technology breakthroughs (TRL 1-4)



EIC funding opportunities

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For consortia
Grants up to €4 million



PATHFINDER

EIC Pathfinder

Research & Innovation grants for breakthrough research from laboratory to prototype.

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companies
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TRANSITION

EIC Transition

Market-readiness grants for preparing to enter the market

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ACCELERATOR

EIC Accelerator

"Scale-Up Grants & Investments" for scaling up business

For single companies
Equity 10-30 million



STEP Scale Up

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Major investments to help companies become global leaders

OPEN CALLS or CHALLENGE-BASED

Connecting with the funding ecosystem

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EIB: manages EIC Accelerator and STEP investments through EIC Fund



Pathways into EIC Transition from FET Open, EIC Pathfinder, ERC PoC, RIA from HE Pillar II, European Defense Fund...



Pathways into EIC Accelerator: Fast Track and Plug in schemes



Opportunities outside of EIC grant funding: EIC Seal of Excellence, STEP Seal

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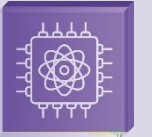
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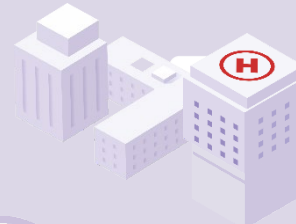
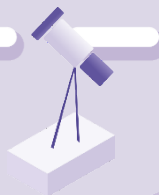
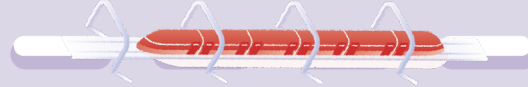
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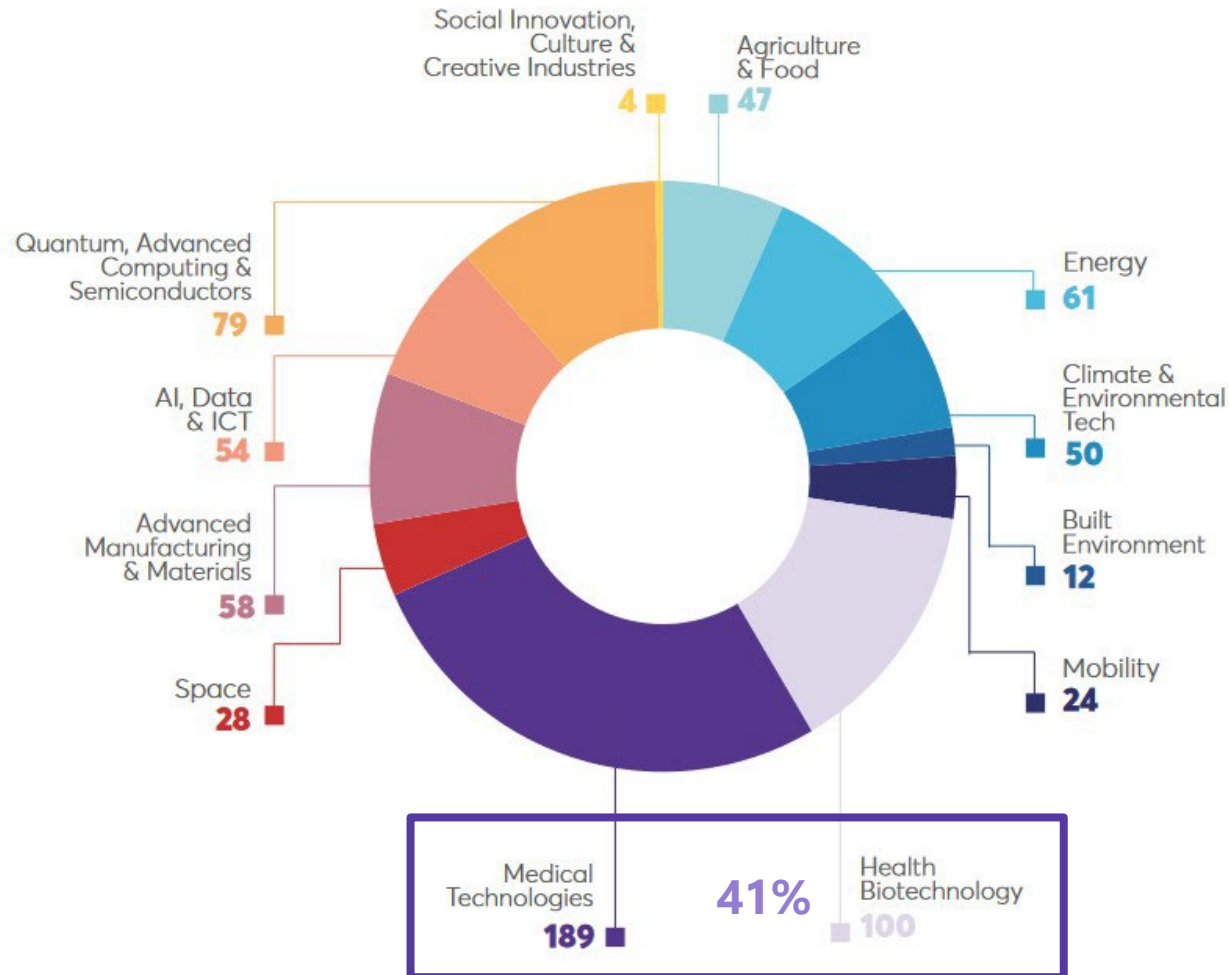
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- Addressing the **regulatory process** is critical for health innovators
- Supporting innovators through **EIC-EMA collaboration** since 2021

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+ *EMA regulatory &
scientific support to
EIC SME beneficiaries*

*EIC beneficiary
participation in EMA
events*



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Thank you!

