

EIC ACCELERATOR: SPECIAL FOCUS ON GREEN DEAL

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE NEXT CALL DEADLINE ON MAY 19TH, 2020

The EIC Accelerator programme supports **high-risk, high-potential** small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and innovators with **radically new ideas** underpinned by a business plan for rolling out **marketable innovation** solutions and with ambitions **to scale up**. Selected companies receive **funding** (up to 2.5 M€) and optional **equity** (up to 15 M€) and are offered business coaching and mentoring to scale up their innovation idea.

In particular, **two special conditions** apply to the next Cut-off submission Deadline on May 19th, 2020:

1) Topic-specific call: Green Deal

The largest ever funding round under the EIC pilot (about €300 million, i.e. more than 35% of the 2020 budget) is allocated to this one-off call to support breakthrough innovations that address at least one of the eight 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*

2) Boosting „Female Entrepreneurship“

The latest EIC Work Programme also includes a **targeted measure for woman innovators**. For the final two cut-offs of the EIC accelerator (May and October) the Commission will ensure that **at least 25%** of the SMEs and start-ups invited to the final interview phase of the selection process will be **led by women as the CEO** or equivalent position.

Detailed Info on the EIC Programme, including all requirements for participation:

https://www.ffg.at/sites/default/files/FFG-Akademie-Webinar_EIC-01_210120.pdf

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