

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES 2021

Presentation of Program

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European Innovation Council Funding programmes 2021

3 tools, to support projects at every
level of maturity

EIC Pathfinder

Early-stage research support
(TRL 1 - 4)

EIC Transition

Technology maturation and market
readiness (TRL 4 - 6)

EIC Accelerator

Final development and scale-up
for start-ups and SMEs' disruptive
innovations (TRL 5 - 9)

EIC Pathfinder: conditions of the program

The purpose of financing the amount of funding

- To support early-stage research for radically new technologies, with the potential to create new markets and address global challenges.
- A total of 300 M € will be allocated to the projects: 168 M € for the Open Call and 132 M € for the Challenges Call.

Granted activities

- R&D activities, covering the stages of 1 – 4 TRL (Open Call).
- R&D activities, covering the stages of 2 – 4 TRL (Challenges Call).

The amount of grant

- Up to 3 M € (Open Call).
- Up to 4 M € (Challenges Call).
- Additional 50 K € lump sums for portfolio activities and commercial feasibility studies.

Granting rate

- 100% of the eligible costs.

Application Deadline

- 19th of May 2021 (Open Call).
- 27th of October 2021 (Challenges Call).

Requirements for the applicant

- Consortia of at least three different independent legal entities (e.g. research organizations, universities, SMEs, industry) established in at least 3 different eligible countries.
- Single applicants or small consortia (two partners) may be able to apply for Pathfinder Challenges according to the call specifications.

Open Call

- Open to projects from any field (except main military application or harmful to the environment).

Challenges Call specific topics

- Awareness Inside.
- Tools to measure & stimulate activity in brain tissue.
- Emerging technologies in Cell & Gene Therapy.
- Novel routes to green hydrogen production.
- Engineered living materials.

EIC Transition: conditions of the program

The purpose of financing the amount of funding

- To provide continuity to the results of projects funded under previous EC initiatives (ERC, H2020 FET, ERANET, etc.).
- To support both researchers willing to further develop the initial proof of principle, and entrepreneurs, SMEs, corporates, spinoffs not involved in the original project.
- A total of 100.1 M € will be allocated to the projects: 59.6 M € for the Open Call and 40.5 M € for the Challenges Call.

Granted activities

- R&D activities, covering the stages of 4 – 5/6 TRL.

The amount of grant

- Up to 2.5 M €.
- Additional 50 K € lump sums for portfolio activities and commercial feasibility studies.

Granting rate

- 100% of the eligible costs.

Application Deadline

- 22nd of September 2021.

Requirements for the applicant

- Single applicants (SMEs, spin-offs, start-ups, research organizations, universities) or small consortia (two to 5 partners).
- Applications must build on results from eligible Pathfinder, FET or ERC Proof of Concept projects.

Open Call

- Open to projects from any field (except main military application or harmful to the environment).

Challenges Call specific topics

- Medical Devices.
- Energy harvesting and storage technologies (except Li-Ion batteries).

EIC Accelerator: conditions of the program

The purpose of financing and amount to be granted

- To support single start-ups and SMEs in scaling up high impact innovations with the potential to create new markets or disrupt existing ones
- To support innovations with significant funding needs over a long timeframe and perceived as too risky by private investors
- A total of 1.09 B € will be allocated to the projects: 592.5 M € for Open Calls and 495.1 M € for Challenge driven calls.

Granted activities

- R&D activities, covering the stages of 5 – 9 TRL.

The amount of financing

- From 0.5 to 2.5 M € non dilutive grant (for activities up to TRL 8).
- From 0.5 to 15 M € equity investment (no TRL restrictions).

Funding rate

- Up to 70% of the eligible costs through the grant component.
- Possibility to use the equity component to cover the 30% of the budget not funded through the grant.

Funding options

• Grant and Investment

To support the full development (TRL 5/6 to 8), deployment and scale-up (TRL 9).

• Grant first

For projects still requiring significant work for validation and commercial assessment. Equity investment can follow depending on the project's progresses.

• Grant only

By effectively proving to have or be sure to secure the financial means to complete deployment and scale up (TRL 9), after completing the project development.

• Investment only

To fill the funding gap for rapidly scaling up high-risk innovations. Also available to small mid-caps up to 499 employees.

EIC Accelerator: who can get a grant and how to do that

Requirements for the applicant

- Single applicants from the categories:
 - start-ups.
 - very small, small, medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
 - Individuals intending to launch a start-up or SME.
 - Small mid-caps up to 499 employees (equity investment only).

Application process

- Preliminary short application (executive summary, 3 min video, pitch deck).
- Full application (Business plan, financials, WPs and milestones).
- Face to face interview.

Dates and terms

- Short applications can be submitted at any time.
- Pre-selected projects can submit a full application within the next 12 months.
- 2021 full application deadlines: 9th of June, 6th of October.

Type of calls

• Open Calls

Open to any project from any field (except military and environmentally harmful).

• Challenge Call - Green Deal innovations for the economic recovery

Projects significantly contributing to the EU Green Deal sustainability goals: climate mitigation, clean energy, circular economy, efficient building and renovating, smart mobility, sustainable healthy food, ecosystems and biodiversity, zero pollution ambition.

• Challenge Call – Strategic health and digital technologies

High performance computing, edge computing, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, AI, block-chain, cloud infrastructure technologies, and IoT.

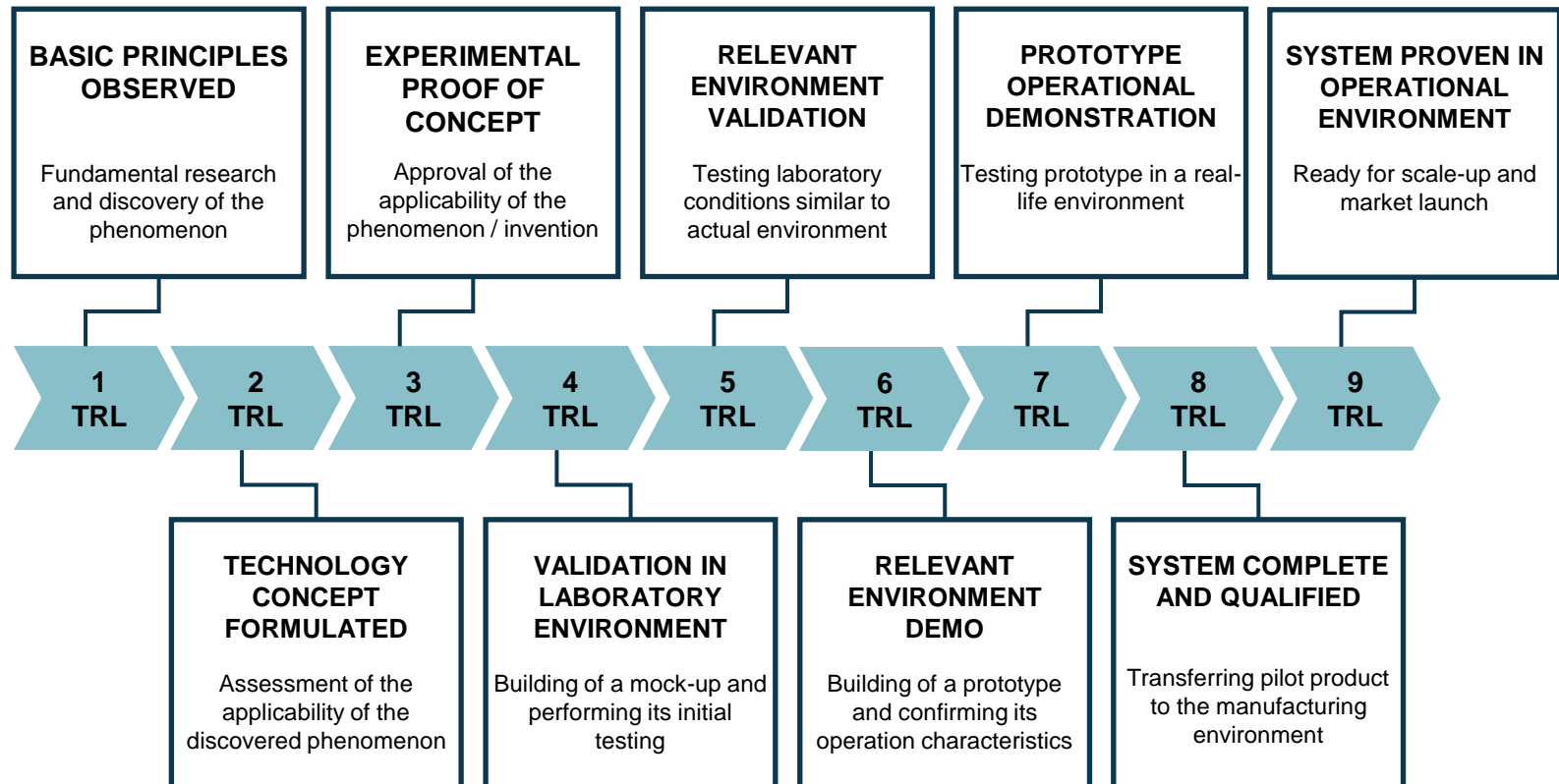
AI tools for early diagnosis; point-of-care diagnostics; novel approaches in cell and gene therapy; novel biomarkers for clinical prognosis, patient stratification or monitoring purposes; bioprocessing 4.0; healthcare intelligence services; and solutions for healthcare systems, medical practice.

European Innovation Council programmes summary

EIC Pathfinder	Who can apply: Consortia of at least 3 different independent legal entities. Exceptions may apply in specific challenges calls.		
	What for: Grants of up to 3 M € (Open) for R&D activities (TRL 1-4) or 4 M € (Challenge driven) for R&D activities (TRL 2-4)		
	Open call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 168 M € Call deadline: 19/05/2021 Grants of max. 3 M € Funding rate: 100% 	Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 132 M € Call deadline: 27/10/2021 Grants of max. 4 M € Funding rate: 100% 	Challenge Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness inside Tools to measure & stimulate activity in brain tissue Emerging Technologies in Cell & Gene Therapy Novel routes to green hydrogen production Engineered living materials
EIC Transition	Who can apply: Single applicants or small consortia (two to 5 partners), exploiting results from previous eligible EU funded projects		
	What for: Grants of up to 2.5 M € for R&D activities (TRL 4 to 5/6)		
	Open call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 59.6 M € Call deadline: 22/09/2021 Grants of max. 2.5 M Funding rate: 100% 	Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 40.5 M € Call deadline: 22/09/2021 Grants of max. 2.5 M € Funding rate: 100% 	Challenge Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Medical devices Energy harvesting and storage Technologies
EIC Accelerator	Who can apply: Single Start-ups and SMEs, individuals (intending to launch a start-up/SME) and in exceptional cases small mid-caps (fewer than 500 employees)		
	What for: 0.5 to 2.5 M € grant for R&D (TRL 5/6 to 8); 0.5 - 15 M € investment component for scaling up and other activities (TRL 9)		
	Open call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 592.5 M € Call deadline: Preliminary applications - any time. Full applications – 09/06/2021 and 06/10/2021 Grants of max. 2.5 M € and / or Equity of max 15 M € Funding rate: 70% 	Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget: 495.1 M € Call deadline: Preliminary applications - any time. Full applications – 09/06/2021 and 06/10/2021 Grants of max. 2.5 M € and / or Equity of max 15 M € Funding rate: 70% 	Challenge Topics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Health and Digital Technologies Green Deal innovations for the economic recovery

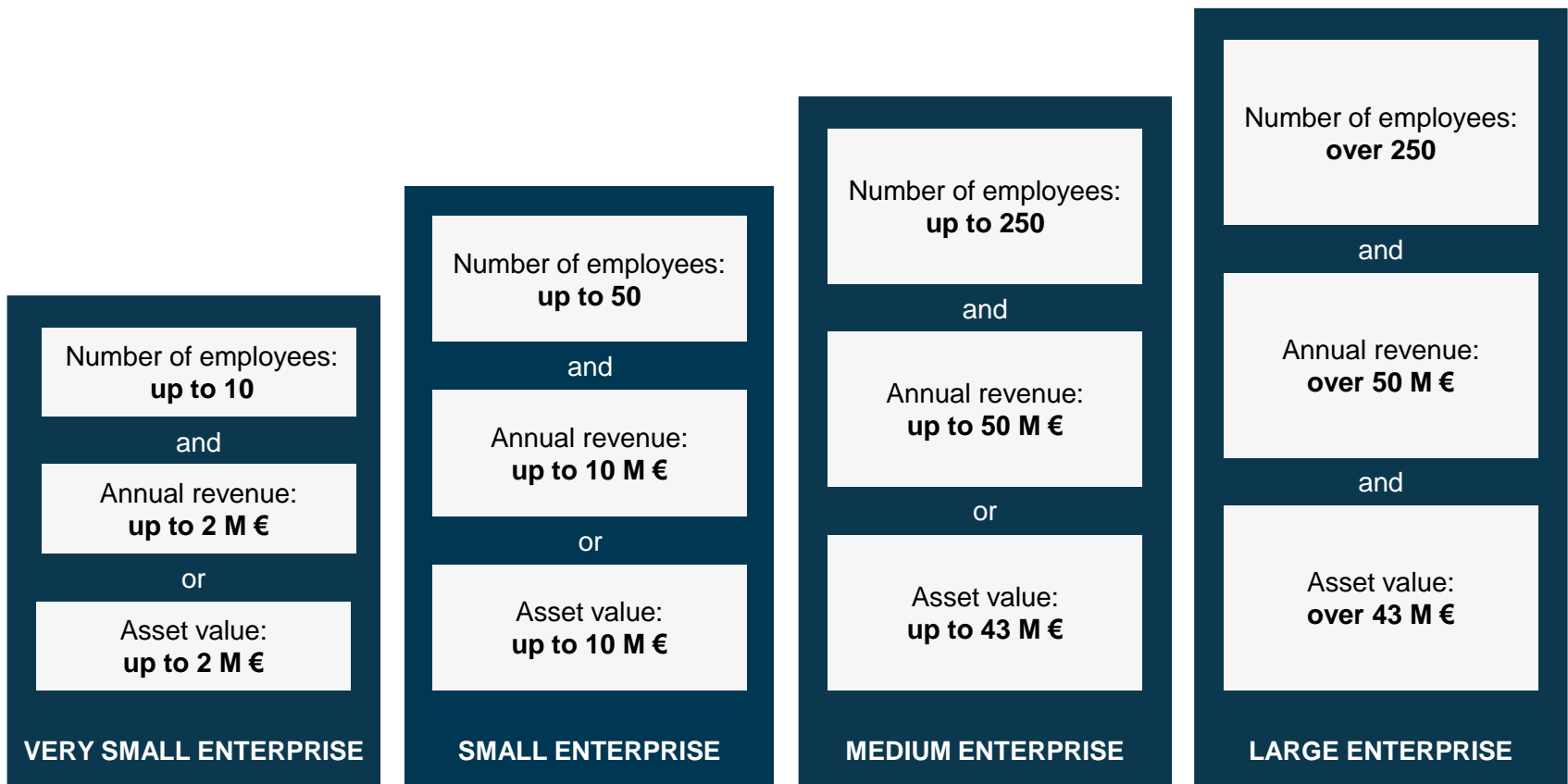
What is the technological readiness level? (TRL)

- Technology readiness levels describes the maturity of the technology and the extent to which the new product is ready for the market.
- The system of TRLs helps to understand distinct stages of innovation cycle and describe steps of R&D and innovation activities, aimed at transforming new ideas into the products ready to satisfy market demand.



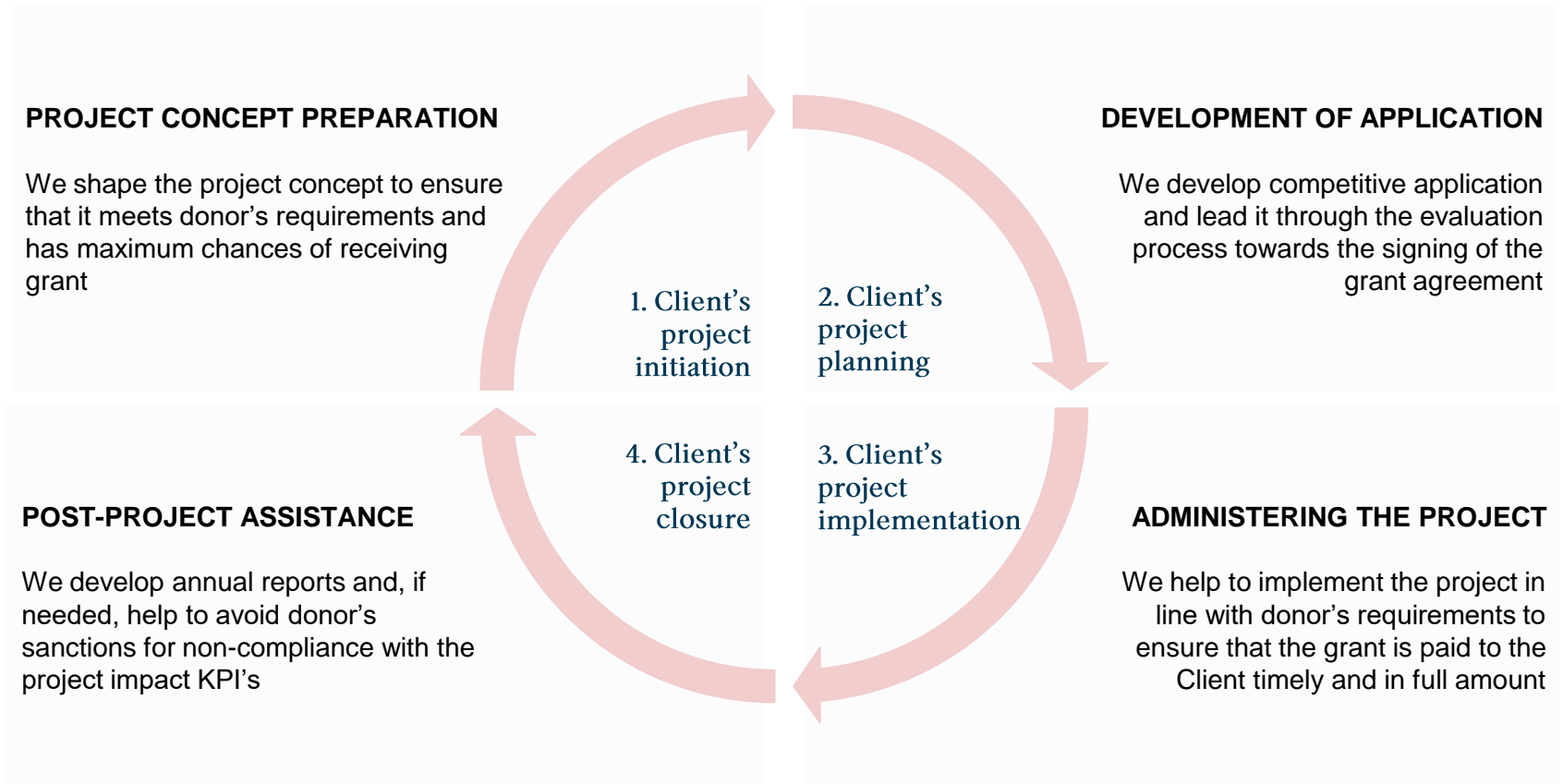
How to evaluate the size of your company

- The size of the company is assessed by set of three criteria – number of employees, annual revenue and total value of assets.
- While assessing the size of the company one must take into account abovementioned criteria of the related companies (parent, subsidiaries or companies related in other way).


















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