

AGENDA

EIC PATHFINDER PROPOSAL WRITING PILLAR III TRAINING

DAY 1 EIC PILLAR III Training

16 : 00 START OF THE TRAINING

16 : 00 – 16 : 30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

EIC PATHFINDER - Supports high-risk, high-gain research into breakthrough and disruptive technologies (TRL 1-4)

- Structure of EIC
- Pathfinder focus

FUNDING TRACKS:

- **Open:** No predefined thematic priorities; bottom-up innovation
- **Challenges:** Targeted calls with specific strategic objectives

2026 Budget: €262M total (Open: €166M | Challenges: €96M)
Grant Ceiling: Up to €4M per project
Annotated Template

16 : 30 – 16 : 45 EIC TRANSITION - Aims to validate and demonstrate technologies in relevant environments (TRL 5-6)

- 2026 Budget: €100M
- Grant Ceiling: Up to €2.5M per project
- Eligibility: Requires prior results from EU-funded projects (ERC, EIC or Horizon) with demonstrated commercial potential

16 : 45 – 17 : 00 2026 PATHFINDER CHALLENGES

- **Advanced Materials for Miniaturized Energy Harvest Systems:** Development of Novel materials for small-scale energy generation
- **Biotechnology for Healthy Ageing:** Biotech solutions focused on preventing age-related diseases
- **DeepRAP:** Research into Trusted Cognitive AI systems

17 : 00 – 17 : 30 EVALUATION PROCESS

- Two-Stage Assessment:
  1. Individual Evaluation: Peer review by independent experts
  2. Portfolio Considerations: Selection based on strategic fit and thematic synergy
- **Key Criteria**: Scientific Excellence, Impact and Quality Implementation

17 : 30 – 17 : 45 POST-AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

- Access to EIC Booster Grants for additional support
- Streamlined pathways to submit follow-up proposals for EIC Transition and EIC Accelerator
- Tech to Market Services



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17 : 45 – 18 : 00	THE FUTURE OF EIC PROGRAMME IN THE NEXT HORIZON EUROPE 2028-34 • The EIC expansion • The Competitiveness Fund
18 : 00 – 18 : 30	Q&A AND WRAP-UP THE TRAINING

END OF THE TRAINING