

[EIT HEI Initiative](#) 2024 Call for proposals

This call for proposals allows higher education institutions and business partners across Europe to collaborate on innovative projects, transforming higher education institutions into hubs for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The call aims to fund up to 42 projects, with a total duration of 25 months and an overall budget of EUR 1.34 million per project. Organisations are encouraged to start preparing their application by reading the [full call text](#) (available now) and to connect with partners on the dedicated [networking platform](#).

Consortia will have until **12 December 2024, 17:00 CET**, to submit their applications. The selected projects will be announced in April 2025. To guide applicants through the process, a series of info sessions will be held, providing valuable insights into the application process and clarifying expectations regarding project impact domains, key performance indicators, and collaboration opportunities. You can learn more about the info sessions on the [call for proposals page](#).

The EIT HEI Initiative plays a crucial role in driving economic and societal transformation. It focuses on building innovation and entrepreneurship capacity at the institutional level and fostering the strategic integration of higher education into the wider innovation ecosystem by equipping HEIs with essential knowledge, tools and networks. Its Calls for Proposals incorporate the **EIT Knowledge Triangle Model which brings together partners from education, research, and business to collaborate on innovation action plans**. This approach fosters systemic change by enabling the co-creation of knowledge and impactful solutions to global challenges, both within individual projects and across the broader portfolio. Central to the EIT HEI Initiative is its commitment to building a dynamic, inclusive community of HEIs and non-HEIs to enhance the role of European higher education in the innovation ecosystem, promoting a more innovative and competitive Europe.

EIT HEI Initiative Strategic Objectives:

- Innovations to Market
- European Higher Education Competitiveness Employability through Skills and Competencies Development
- Dynamic and Inclusive Innovation Community

The Call for Proposals 2024 **aims to** further enhance the quality and competitiveness of European higher education **by funding innovation capacity building projects that will bring about institutional and systemic change**. It offers applying consortia the opportunity to shape their own pathway to innovation by selecting activities that address their specific capacity building needs.

Selected projects will implement funded actions that, among others, **will strengthen staff capacity, establish innovation structures, support technology transfer and business creation activities and foster collaboration between HEIs and business partners across Europe through the establishment of strategic partnerships**.

The EIT HEI Initiative Call for Proposals 2024 will incorporate a two-strand approach in which applicants will need to select one of the two strands:

- Strand A: Innovation and entrepreneurship capacity building at HEIs.
- Strand B: Innovation and entrepreneurship capacity building at HEIs for the enhancement of Deep Tech.

Both strands will follow the same structure, budget, and requirements. However, Strand B proposals must detail how their action plans will enhance deep tech innovation and entrepreneurship within their consortia and align with the EIT Deep Tech Talent Initiative.

General and specific requirements of the EIT HEI Initiative's Call for Proposals 2024 can be found at <https://eit-hei.eu/app/uploads/2024/09/EIT-HEI-Initiative-Call-for-Proposals-2024.pdf>