



WORKSHOP

European Innovation Council pilot (EIC) and other opportunities for SMEs

Date :20th March 2019 from 10.00 to 15.00

Venue: NH Collection Hotel du Grand Sablon, Brussels

ETRA is collaborating with **NCP Brussels** and **hub-Brussels** on a number of activities including as a sponsor of the Conference workshop on **European Innovation Council pilot (EIC) and other opportunities for SMEs** and the Thursday evening matchmaking programme.

The European Innovation Council pilot (EIC pilot) aims to support top-class innovators, start-ups, small companies and researchers with bright ideas that are completely different from existing products, services or business models, are highly risky and have the potential to scale up internationally.

The European Commission has confirmed its intention to launch an enhanced European Innovation Council (EIC) pilot initiative in 2019, following the European Council's request in July 2018. The enhanced pilot will build on the structure of the EIC under the Horizon Europe proposal to fast track disruptive and market-creating innovation. The pilot will be implemented using 2019-2020 budgets under Horizon 2020, and will involve a revision to the Horizon 2020 work programme.

A first phase of the EIC pilot was launched on 27th October 2017 as part of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020. These instruments continue to offer funding to innovative companies in support of market-creating innovations.

It offers in a single place:

- €2.7 billion in funding for the period 2018-2020 - via the [SME Instrument](#), the [Fast Track to Innovation](#) (FTI), [Future and Emerging Technologies \(FET\) Open](#) and the [Horizon Prizes](#)
- Opportunities for [networking](#), [mentoring and coaching](#)
- [Strategic advice](#) to upgrade the innovation ecosystem in Europe

The EIC pilot is able to support

- ideas from any area of technology or business sector, including novel combinations of technologies and business models
- all stages from feasibility to development to scale-up
- innovators from all EU Member States, from other countries associated to the EU Horizon 2020 programme, and to innovators from all parts of the world who establish their activities in Europe

New Projects are on the drawing board and participants are invited to suggest other topics and to become partners. In order to increase opportunities for new partnerships and projects Participants may join the **ETRA Partner Registry** and receive further assistance after the Conference as well. You will become part of a dynamic process that includes other opportunities throughout the year.

This workshop, organised on the morning of 20th March, will describe the opportunities of EIC and other key EU programmes, with the aim of identifying opportunities for a follow up of the above projects as well as to stimulate new projects and partnerships.

The goal of this event is to:

- give wide and detailed insight of the next calls
- explain the various tools set up by EASME and other bodies of the Commission to support SMEs
- provide a platform to connect different stakeholders looking to develop proposals

Tyre Recycling is a young and dynamic sector. Recycled Tyre Materials are already used in a wide array of materials, products and applications in variety of sectors, including the production of new tyres, which has motivated tyre recyclers to research and develop innovative new options. RTMs are widely used in sports infrastructure, roads and transport infrastructure, civil engineering and construction, as well as consumer and industrial products.etc.

09.30 Welcome Coffee

10.00 Programmes

Chair: Elena Angiolini, hub Brussels

Topic: **European Innovation Council pilot (EIC) and other opportunities for SMEs**
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Points:

- What's in EIC pilot and how to find the right call for your project
- Planning and writing your proposal: Get ready to submit it!
- Consortium Building: how to find the right partners (EEN and NCPs network, NCPs CaRE)
- Start-ups and Incubators
- Legal and financial aspects when submitting a proposal

12.00 hub Work Café : Free talks & informal meetings

13.30 Sandwich lunch

14.00 Working with the ETRA Partner Registry

15.00 End of the meeting