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# The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme and opportunities for funding synergies



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- The EIT is the first EU initiative bringing together the three sides of the “knowledge triangle”: business (companies and SMEs), education institutions and research centres.
- The EIT aims to increase the cooperation and integration between higher education, business and research to facilitate the transition from:



**student to  
entrepreneur**



**idea to product**



**lab to customer**

# EIT's first 3 KICs – designated in December 2009

**Climate-KIC**



**EIT Digital**



**KIC InnoEnergy**



# EIT's 2 new KICs – designated in December 2014

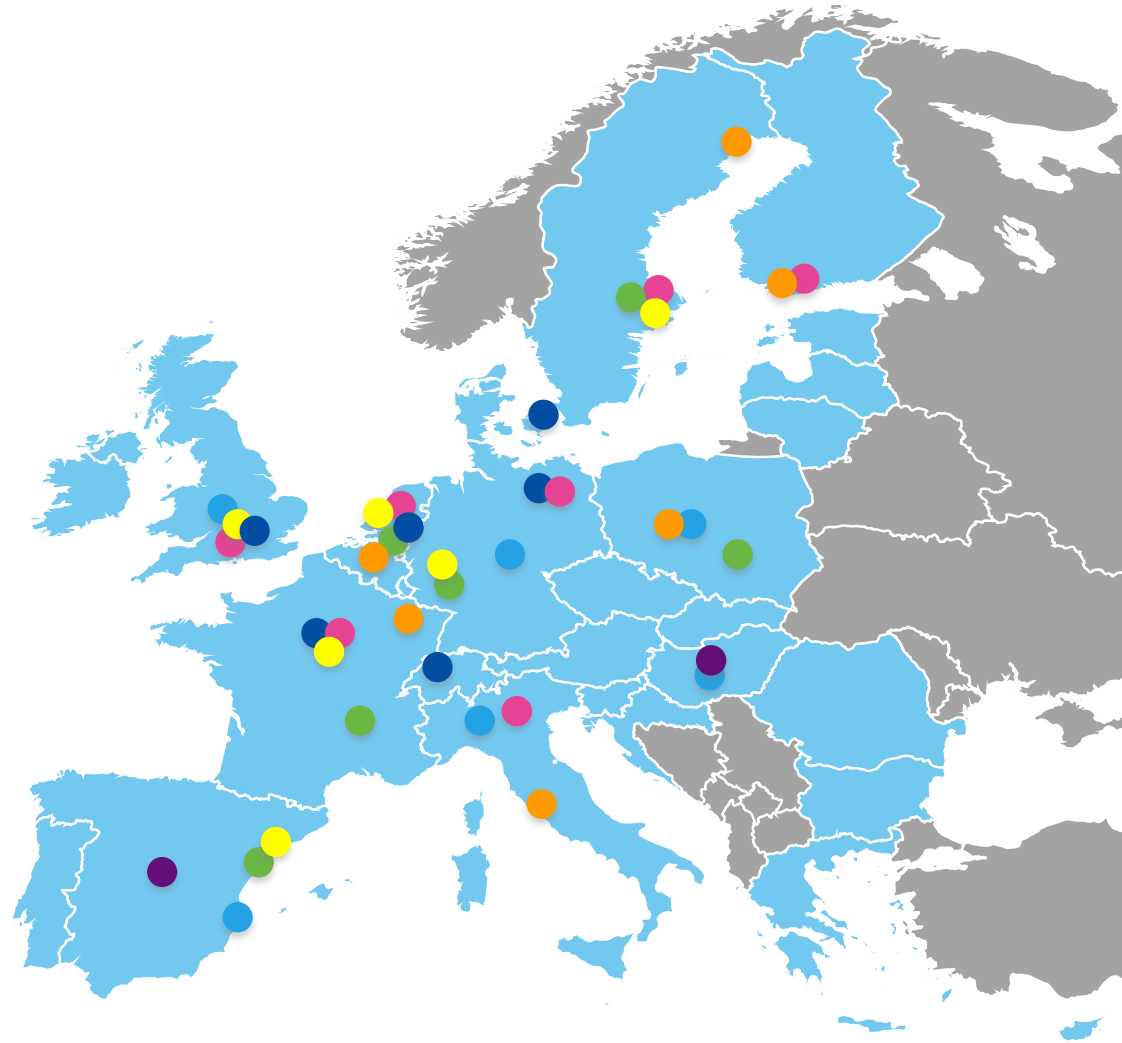
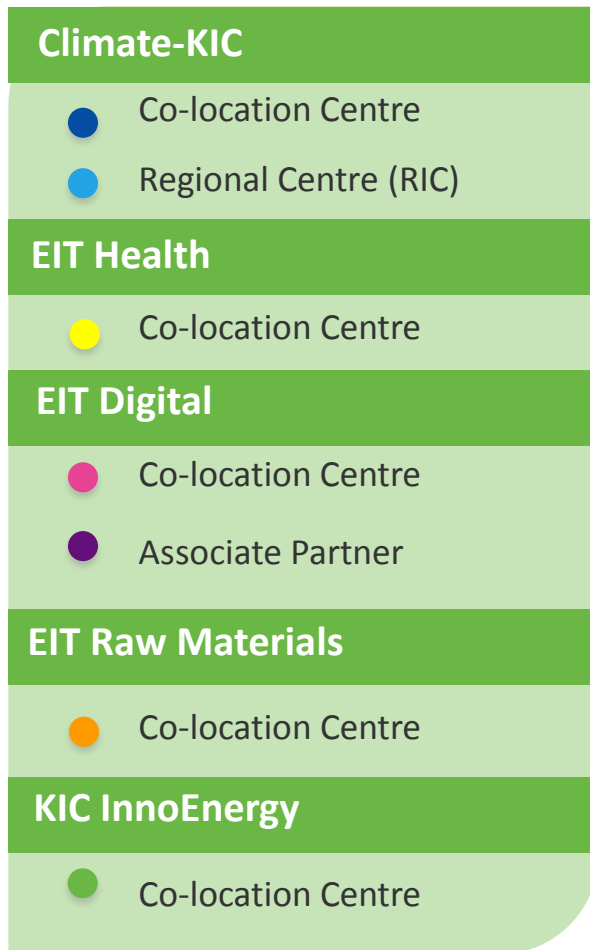
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**EIT Health**

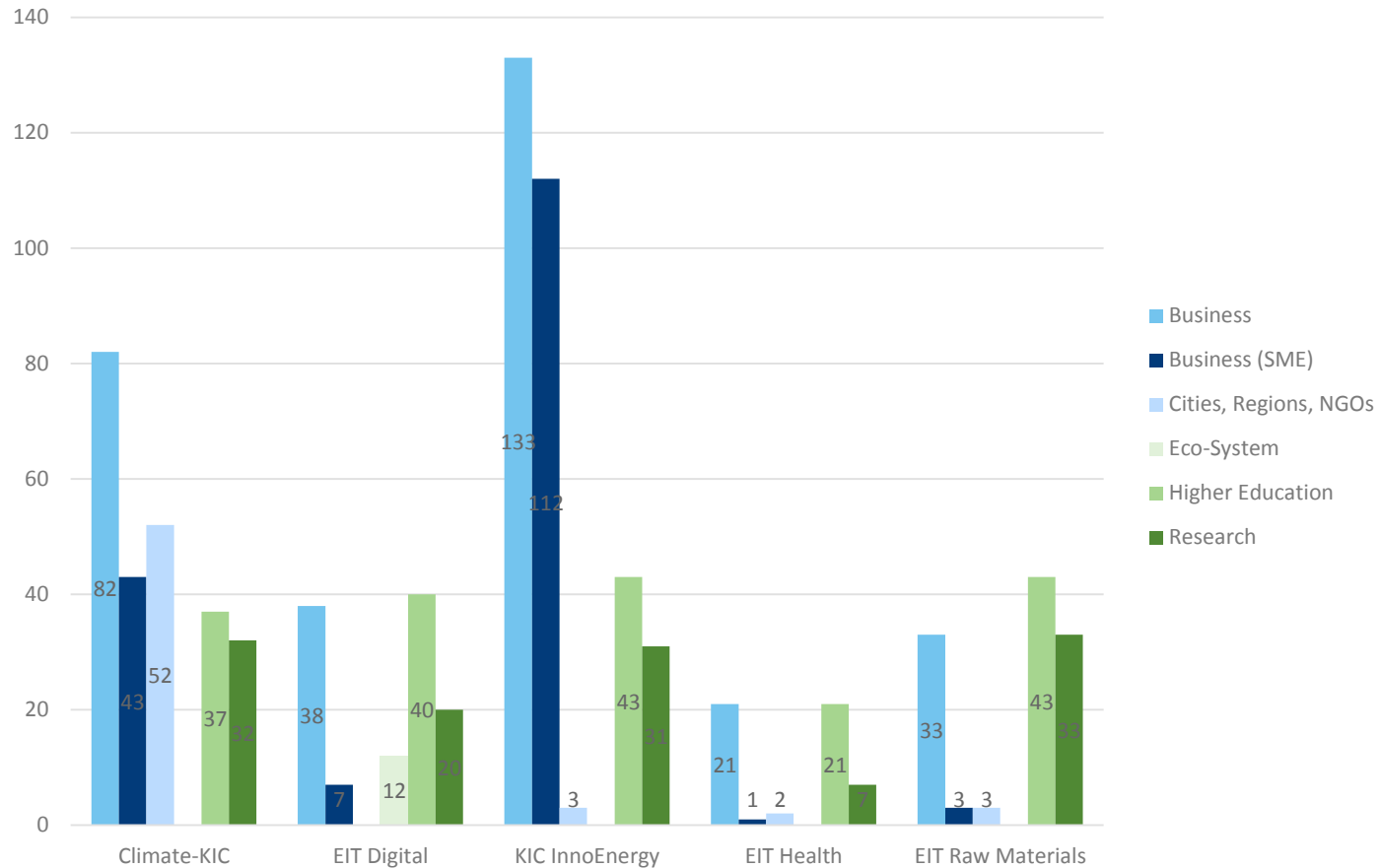


# EIT across Europe: KICs' Co-location Centres



# Overview of KIC partners

Today, the KICs bring together more than 800 partners:





# The EIT KIC model

## *Key features facilitating synergies*

- **Smart funding & high degree of commitment of partners:** EIT funding to KICs is max. 25% of their total budget over time with 75% to be attracted from other sources, both public and private.
- The EIT funding model is a natural driver of synergies (leverage effect).
- **The co-location model:** each KIC consists of 5-7 world class innovation hotspots building and leveraging on existing European capacities.
- The KIC business models facilitate co-operation and collaboration.



# EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS)

- Structured outreach scheme aimed at increasing the innovation capacity in regions not directly benefitting from the EIT and its KICs
- Based on a two-way engagement between KICs and selected partnerships from the wider European innovation community
- Based on key principles:



# EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS)



## Activities:

- Ensuring the flow of both knowledge and people between KICs and selected partnerships
- Integral part of operations and designed by KICs.

## Funding:

- Selected EIT RIS partnerships will primarily use “other sources” of funding such as national and regional funding

## Benefits:

- KICs: influx of talent and ideas
- Selected EIT RIS partnerships: exchanging knowledge and good practices as well as enhancing the regional innovation system
- Individuals: apply and gain knowledge and expertise



# Enabling synergies

- Common objectives
- Joint efforts/ alignment
  - Strategy
  - Activities
  - Instruments



# Potential Pilot Projects

- EIT RIS partnerships ideally refer to relevant regional innovation plans, including the Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3) -> strategic alignment/ joint efforts
- Implementation of EIT RIS primarily driven by KIC co-location centres (organisation of open calls) -> link to region/ local eco-system
- Applicant organisations eligible within the EIT RIS: Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, **Lithuania**, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Bulgaria, Latvia, Romania and Slovenia
- Selected EIT RIS partnerships could be supported by national and regional funding incl. ESIF
- For consideration: in case of thematic alignment, H2020 projects with 'seal of excellence' could be integrated into the KIC portfolio





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