

# Partner Categories

EIT Urban Mobility - Mobility for more liveable urban spaces

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## Introduction

The EIT Urban Mobility partnership has been carefully constructed to bring together world leading partners: Europe's most innovative cities, high-potential industry and best-in-class universities and research institutes. Together, they form a pan-European network of complementary stakeholders, representing multiple disciplines in urban mobility.

EIT Urban Mobility has a mechanism in place that caters for its ambition to grow and which contributes to impact delivery and financial sustainability. Our different partner categories are creating the stepping stones for growing our community. EIT Urban Mobility is open to welcome new partners.

## Criteria for the accession of new partners

We aim for a balanced mixture of organisations from the knowledge triangle:

- with an open innovation mind-set with excellent, complementary technological and organisational competences
- for developing, testing and piloting new products, services
- able to challenge and adapt regulatory frameworks
- willing to invest in and develop new knowledge, skills and capacities
- leading to the implementation, replication and deployment of those applications
- contributing to tackle urban mobility challenges of today and tomorrow

## Partner Categories

In order to stimulate dynamics within the partnership and to increase the leverage on impact of EIT Urban Mobility, there is a need for non-overlapping partner categories. The overall structure of partner categories intrinsically foresees and stimulates a process of upgrading of partners' level of engagement in our operation. We offer a partner participation model, in terms of rights and obligations as well as financial contribution, that rewards long-term, strategic engagement of partners. The cost-benefit-ratio should improve for partners as they climb the partner category ladder.

EIT Urban Mobility distinguishes the following partner categories:

- **Core Partners Tier 1 and Tier 2** which are members of the association.
  - **Core partners Tier 1** are member of the association with uncapped access to EIT funding, EUR 50,000/y membership fee, part of the local innovation hub advisory board, access to all meetings and events. Accession based on GA decision
  - **Core partners Tier 2** are member of the association with capped access to EIT funding of EUR 300,000/y, membership fee is EUR 30,000/y. They are part of the innovation hub's advisory board with access to all meetings and events. Accession based on GA decision

- **Project partners** (as mentioned in article 15 of the KIC LE by-laws), among which there are possibly prospective members of the association. Maximum annual EIT funding of EUR 150,000 (fee due of 20%)
- **Network partners** among which there are possibly future project partners and/or prospective members of the association

The member organisations pay an annual membership fee, covering also their possible Linked Third-Party- partner organisations. Project partners pay an annual fee based on their requested EIT funding per year.

Partner Type	Member of the EIT Urban Mobility Association	Accede and sign the FPA (KIC partner in view of EIT)	KIC LE participation	Innovation Hub participation	EIT funding	Fee	Acceptance process	Limitations of duration
Core Partner Tier 1	Yes	Yes, mentioned in annex 2 FPA	shaping Strategy of EIT UM, ambassadors for EIT UM, access to all meetings and events, GA, EIT UM summit, ideation and matchmaking event, thematic roundtables, etc., leading project consortia	advisory board of the IH, access to all meetings and events, quarterly IH meeting, ideation and matchmaking event, thematic roundtables, etc.	Uncapped	€ 50K/y	Minimum of 85% of members Proposal by MT, admission by General Assembly decision	None
Core Partner Tier 2	Yes	Yes, mentioned in annex 2 FPA	shaping Strategy of EIT UM, ambassadors for EIT UM, access to all meetings and events, GA, EIT UM summit, ideation and matchmaking event, thematic roundtables, etc., leading project consortia	advisory board of the IH, access to all meetings and events, quarterly IH meeting, ideation and matchmaking event, thematic roundtables, etc.	Max € 300K/y	€ 30K/y	Maximum of 15% of members Proposal by MT, admission by General Assembly decision	None
Project Partner	No	Yes, mentioned in annex 2 FPA	Participation in projects. EIT UM summit, ideation and matchmaking events Other events and meetings on invitation	ideation and matchmaking events Other events and meetings on invitation	Max €150K/y, Regulated in Article 15 by-laws KIC LE Caps can differ per year and per specific call.	• 20% of requested EIT project funding per year	Management Team decision	Status based on SGA (project participation)
Network Partner	No	No	Public events, ideation and matchmaking on invitation only	Ideation, Matchmaking, Meetings on invitation only	none	Possible fees for event participation	Management Team decision	On invitation only

## Entry/Exit, Upgrade/Downgrade rules for members of EIT Urban Mobility Association

### Entry

- Selection criteria are based on excellence and complementarity
- Maintenance of a balanced partner distribution (approx. balance of industry, academia/ RTO, and city representation) should be ensured on 1) CLC level and 2) KIC LE level
- First opportunity for seat in Supervisory Board for new partners: after two years
- NB The general assembly may agree to set forth entrance fees for new members of the association (pending and TBD)

#### Change of level of involvement (Core Partner Tier 1 or Tier 2) Upgrade/Downgrade

- Downgrade from Tier 1 to Tier 2: Possible with a full one year notice until the end of the year.  
Means: before 31 Dec. X, notice has to be submitted for downgrading as of 1 Jan. X+2
- Upgrade from Tier 2 tot Tier 1: Possible until end of the year, changes become effective directly with the start of the following year

#### Voluntary exit

- One year notice until 31 Dec. before voluntary exit, in line with EIT rules
- Continuation of collaborative project is regulated by the FPA
- Re-entry blocked for two years (calendar year = fiscal year)

#### Forced exit

- Rules defined by the FPA (e.g. insolvency, change of ownership)
- 2/3 majority of General Assembly to decide on partner exclusion (as detailed in the Article of Association)
- Membership fee is nevertheless due for the year of exit

## Interested in joining our community and become a partner?

If your organisation is interested to join EIT Urban Mobility please contact the Innovation Hub Director (<https://www.eiturbanmobility.eu/our-hubs/>) by completing the contact form on <https://www.eiturbanmobility.eu/contact-us/> or the KIC legal entity ([office@eiturbanmobility.eu](mailto:office@eiturbanmobility.eu)).