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Abbreviations

EIT	European Institute of Innovation and Technology
KIC	Knowledge and Innovation Community. EIT Urban Mobility is a KIC.
EIT SIA	EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda
PA	Partnership Agreement
HE MGA	Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement
KIC SA	KIC Strategic Agenda
BP	Business Plan
EIT KPIs	Set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) defined by the EIT that reflect the EIT operational objectives for education, entrepreneurship, and innovation. These KPIs are used to measure how effectively a KIC/project meets the objectives of the EIT.
KAVA	KIC-added value activity
FSTP	Financial support to third parties
SEGS	Student Entrepreneur Grant Scheme

Definitions

Knowledge Triangle Integration	The EIT is established to complement existing Union and national policies and initiatives by fostering the integration of the knowledge triangle – higher education, research and innovation, and business creation – across the Union.
Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement	The Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (HE MGA) sets out the rights and obligations and the terms and conditions applicable to the implementation of the EIT grant.
Deliverable	Deliverables are tangible or intangible goods or services produced during the project implementation phase. They track the progress made towards a project's objectives and may take the form of a report, document, software product, course, event or any other building block of a project. The deliverables specified need to fully demonstrate the project's achievements and the judicious use of public funds.

1. Introduction

1.1. Information on the EIT

European Institute of Innovation and Technology

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) is a **European Union body** with a legal personality and a wide legal capacity accorded to legal persons under national law. The EIT was created in 2008 by the European Union (EU) to enhance Europe's global competitiveness by fostering collaboration between businesses, research institutions, and higher education organizations.

The EIT is governed by Regulation (EU) 2021/695 (EIT Regulation), which aligns the EIT's mission with the EU's priorities and the objectives of Horizon Europe on evolving research, innovation, economic growth, job creation, global competitiveness, sustainable growth, higher education and entrepreneurship, by means of the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), which address specific societal challenges and are established and supported by the EIT.

The EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) 2021-2027 is aligned with Horizon Europe and lays down the priority fields and the strategy of the EIT for future initiatives, capacity to generate the best innovation added-value, objectives, key actions, mode of operation, expected results, impact, as well as an estimate of the resources needed for the duration of Horizon Europe.

Horizon Europe Regulation

The Horizon Europe Regulation (EU) 2021/695 foresees that the EIT takes part in the implementation of the Horizon Europe Programme in accordance with its strategic objectives for the period 2021 to 2027, as laid down in the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the EIT, and taking into account the strategic planning of Horizon Europe.

EIT and Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) relations

The EIT Regulation defines KICs as large-scale Institutionalised European Partnerships of higher education institutions, research organisations, companies and other stakeholders in the innovation process in the form of a strategic network, regardless of its legal form, based on joint mid- to long-term innovation planning to meet the EIT's challenges and contribute to attaining the objectives established.

According to the EIT Regulation, and without prejudice to the partnership agreements and grant agreements between the EIT and each KIC, the KICs have substantial autonomy to establish their internal organisation and composition, as well as their agenda and working methods, provided that they result in progress towards achieving the objectives of the EIT and the KICs, taking into account the strategic planning of Horizon Europe and the strategic direction of the EIT set out in the SIA and by the Governing Board.

Contractual framework between the EIT and the KICs

The long-term relations between the EIT and each KIC are based on a **seven-year Partnership Agreement (PA)**¹ laying down the general terms and conditions under which the KIC operates as an Institutionalised

¹ Model Partnership Agreement: [Partnership Agreement](#)

European Partnership. Subject to positive performance, interim review and outcome of comprehensive assessment of the KIC, the PA can be extended for another period of a maximum of seven years.

The Partnership Agreement between the EIT and **EIT Urban Mobility** entered into force on **1 January 2021**.

The **Grant Agreement** (GA)² is the contractual instrument laying down the provisions concerning the implementation of the KIC activities (KIC Business Plan, Cross-KIC activities, etc.) through grants, on an annual or multi-annual basis of up to three years with the KICs. Business plans describe the main objectives and expected results and actions taken by the KICs.

The Grant Agreement (2026-2028) between the EIT and EIT Urban Mobility entered into force on **1 January 2026**.

Contractual framework between the KIC and the subgrantees

In accordance with the Grant Agreement (Annex 5), the KIC launches calls (i.e. open calls or KIC partnership calls) in order to select projects or award prizes. The KIC awards a “financial support to third parties” (i.e. the so called “subgrants” and “prizes”) for the implementation of these projects and signs **subgrant agreements** (“Financial Support Agreements”) with the selected entities or consortia.

1.2. Information on EIT Urban Mobility

1.2.1. Vision and mission

EIT Urban Mobility is Europe’s leading innovation community with the vision to accelerate the transition towards sustainable urban mobility that improves quality of life in cities, enabling greener, safer, more inclusive and more liveable urban environments across Europe.

EIT Urban Mobility’s mission is to bring together Europe’s leading actors in mobility, including cities, companies, research institutions and universities, to deliver solutions that are scalable, inclusive and aligned with EU policy priorities. EIT Urban Mobility advances its mission through integrated education, innovation, business creation and ecosystem building activities, strengthening Europe’s competitiveness while contributing to societal and climate objectives. Three overarching societal impact goals guide our ambition:

1. Improving quality of life in cities;
2. Mitigating and adapting to climate change; and
3. Creating jobs and strengthening the European urban mobility sector

Further details on the strategic focus of this Call are given in Section 3.

² Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement: [general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf](#)

1.2.2 Strategic objectives

Five strategic objectives (SOs), as set out in the Strategic Agenda 2021-2027, steer our activities and ambitions, and will lead us to achieve our mission:

- SO1 - Create liveable urban spaces
- SO2 - Close the knowledge gap
- SO3 - Deploy and scale green, safe, and inclusive mobility solutions for people and goods
- SO4 - Accelerate market opportunities
- SO5 - Promote effective policies and behavioural change.

The proposals applying to this Call must be aligned with **SO2 - Close the knowledge gap** as well as fit the scope set out in Section 3 below.

2. Overview of key information on the call

Call reference number, acronym	EIT Urban Mobility/Student Entrepreneur Grant Scheme (SEGS) BP26-28/2026
Call opening and deadline for applications	Call publication / opening: 30 March 2026 Deadline for applications: • First cut-off date: 30 April 2026 at 17:00 CEST • Second cut-off date: 14 October 2026 at 17:00 CEST • Third cut-off date: 28 April 2027 at 17:00 CEST • Fourth cut-off date: 14 October 2027 at 17:00 CEST <i>Note: The subsequent cut-off dates for 2028 will be updated later.</i>
Evaluation and implementation timeline (indicative)	• First cut-off date: 30 April 2026 at 17:00 CEST Evaluation of proposals: May 2026 Communication of results to applicants: May/June 2026 Signature of the subgrant agreement: July/August 2026 Tentative start of the projects: September 2026 Tentative end of the projects: August 2028 • Second cut-off date: 14 October 2026 at 17:00 CEST Evaluation of proposals: from October to November 2026 Communication of results to applicants: Nov/Dec 2026 Signature of the subgrant agreement: January 2027 Tentative start of the projects: January 2027

	Tentative end of the projects: December 2028 Third cut-off date: 28 April 2027 at 17:00 CEST Evaluation of proposals: May 2027 Communication of results to applicants: May/June 2027 Signature of the subgrant agreement: July/August 2027 Tentative start of the projects: September 2027 Tentative end of the projects: August 2029 Fourth cut-off date: 14 October 2027 at 17:00 CEST Evaluation of proposals: from October to November 2027 Communication of results to applicants: Nov/Dec 2027 Signature of the subgrant agreement: January 2028 Tentative start of the projects: January 2028 Tentative end of the projects: December 2029
Estimated EIT funding allocated to this call	The estimated EIT funding allocated to this Call is up to €30,000/year
List of call documents	- Call Manual - Guidelines for applicants - IP checklist - Financial Support Agreement (FSA) template
List of other reference documents (with links)	Appeal procedure Communication guidelines Eligibility Expenditure Horizon Europe Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA) Project Implementation Handbook KIC Code of Conduct EIT Impact Framework (2022-2027) EIT Urban Mobility Strategic Agenda 2021-2027
Link to the submission portal	Step 1: Both legal and natural persons must register in the EU Funding & tender opportunities portal to obtain the nine-digit Participant Identification Code (PIC number). If you do not know if you already have a PIC number, you can verify directly on the EU Portal (click here) whether you are already registered.

	Step 2: Register in the EIT Urban Mobility Programmes Portal (NetSuite). Step 3: Access the EIT Urban Mobility Programmes Portal (NetSuite) and find the calls under > <i>Grant Management</i> > <i>Grant Management</i> > <i>Open Calls</i>. Please follow carefully the steps explained in Section 7: Proposal submission process and in the Guidelines for Applicants.
Topics to be addressed	Proposed topics should fall within the following categories: Public Transport, Health & Mobility, Electrification of Transport & Alternative Fuels, Urban Logistics, or Mobility Data Management.
Contact point Q&A	All applicants may contact EIT Urban Mobility to answer any questions or address any concerns about the Call: academycall@eiturbanmobility.eu
Further information to interested applicants	To help applicants prepare and submit their proposals, EIT Urban Mobility will host an information session via Teams on 16 April 2026 , 11:00-12:00 CEST. Please, register here .

3. Description of the call

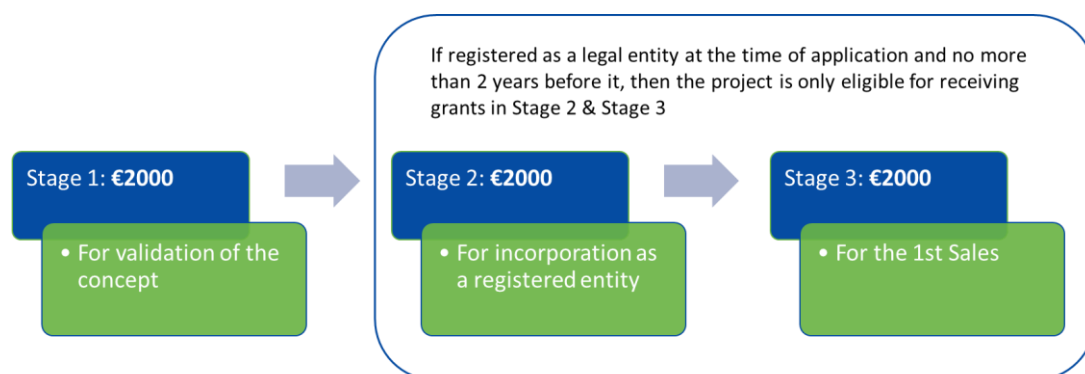
3.1. Purpose and scope of activities

EIT Urban Mobility is looking for projects/ideas from students/recent graduates offering innovative products/solutions. The overall purpose of this Call is to provide small financial support to students/recent graduates pursuing innovative projects/ideas and wishing to undertake an entrepreneurial pathway in their careers. Additionally, this Call helps in achieving the EIT KPIs [EITHE05.1]: Start-ups established by students enrolled and graduates from EIT-labelled programmes, [EITHE05.2-EITRIS] EIT RIS start-ups created of EIT labelled programmes and [EITHE05.3-EITRIS] EIT RIS Countries - Start-ups created of EIT labelled programmes.

This financial grant is to enable students/recent graduates to develop their projects/ideas into a new startup venture. If successful, this could be a start-up supported by EIT Urban Mobility, making them eligible to apply for other programmes of EIT Urban Mobility.

The grants are only available for students who are currently enrolled in (or) recently graduated from any of the EIT-Labelled programmes under EIT Urban Mobility. The maximum grant available per project/idea is €6,000, which will be awarded subject to the conditions described in sections 3.2 & 3.3. The maximum available funds for the Student Entrepreneur Grant Scheme per year is up to approximately €30,000. The maximum grant available per project/idea is €6,000, which will be disbursed over 3 stages of up to €2,000 each. The eligibility criteria for receiving these grants through different stages will vary depending on the maturity of the project/idea.

Each round of the grant disbursement is designed to aid student entrepreneurs who are just starting with their businesses. An amount of €2,000 is allocated in Stage 1 to cover costs associated with concept/project validation (i.e positive evaluation of the pitch deck submitted together with the application). In Stage 2, a financial assistance of €2,000 is available to pay for costs associated with turning the project or idea into a registered firm. And lastly, through stage 3, a further €2,000 is provided to cover expenses related to acquiring customers and producing the first sales.



Not all projects are eligible to receive the maximum available grant of €6,000 through the 3 stages. If the project/team has incorporated itself into a registered entity at the time of submitting the application and

no more than 2 years before it, it will be eligible to receive grants from stage 2 and stage 3 only, amounting to a maximum of €4,000.

3.2. Main requirements for applicants

The Student Entrepreneur Grants Call is open to applicants who fulfil the following eligibility conditions.

- Applicants need to be part of a team with at least 2 members.
- The team members can be from any nationality, but the project leader, who will also be the recipient of the grant, should be residing in one of the Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) or in one of the Horizon Europe associated countries at the time of submission of the application.
- At least one team member should be enrolled in/graduated from an EIT-Labelled programme under EIT Urban Mobility. For teams with at least one member who has recently graduated, their graduation date should be no more than two years before the date of submission of the application.
- It should be a start-up or project in its early stages that has not yet generated any major revenue/sales at the time of submission of the application.
- **Applicants who already have a registered entity cannot apply from Stage 1, but only from Stage 2.**
- If the applicant is applying for a grant after the project has been incorporated into a registered entity, the date of incorporation of the entity should be no more than 2 years before the date of submission of the application.
- Project Leader must not have previously received support through the Student Entrepreneurs Grant Scheme. If a team includes a member who has already benefited from the scheme, in such cases, the Project Leader must be enrolled in/graduated from an EIT-Labelled programme under EIT Urban Mobility. More details on the requirements for applicants are described in Section 5 Call Criteria.

3.3. Main requirements for project implementation

3.3.1. Project duration

Projects supported under this Call must be completed within the maximum durations linked to each stage of the grant scheme:

- **Stage 1 projects** (applicants who are not yet incorporated):
Beneficiaries have **up to two (2) years** from the date of acceptance into Stage 1 to complete the required milestones, including incorporation of the entity and achieving the minimum sales required for progression.

- **Stage 2 projects** (applicants with an incorporated entity not older than two years): Beneficiaries have **up to one (1) year** from the date of acceptance into Stage 2 to complete the required milestones, including achieving the minimum sales required for progression.

3.3.2. Project implementation

Projects funded under this Call must be implemented in accordance with the requirements set out by EIT Urban Mobility in the Project Implementation Handbook and the conditions of the Financial Support Agreement.

Subgrantees (the recipients of the grant) must ensure that all activities carried out under the project directly support the development and validation of their entrepreneurial idea and contribute to achieving the mandatory deliverables associated with the corresponding stages of the grant. Project implementation must follow the principles of transparency, sound financial management, and responsible use of public funds. Subgrantees are required to:

- implement their project activities within the maximum duration established for each stage (see Section 3.3.1);
- comply with the specific deliverable requirements applicable to their stage of entry, including incorporation (if applicable), sales achievements, and provision of supporting evidence;
- comply with visibility, communication, dissemination, and IPR obligations defined in the Financial Support Agreement;
- ensure that all activities are carried out in line with the principles of gender equality, diversity and inclusion, in alignment with the [EIT Gender Equality Policy and Action Plan 2025-2027](#);

Subgrantees are expected to engage proactively with EIT Urban Mobility during the implementation period, including responding to information requests, participating in follow-up checks, and submitting deliverables within the deadlines. Failure to comply with the implementation requirements may result in the withholding of subsequent grant instalments or termination of the financial support.

3.3.3. Deliverables

During the implementation phase, the projects/start-ups have to submit the following deliverables specific to each stage of the grant disbursement.

For applicants applying from Stage 1

Deliverable	Due Date	KPI the deliverable contributes to
Legal incorporation documents	Within 2 years of the date of acceptance into Stage 1	EITHE05.1
- Sales invoice(s) - Proof of payment for sales	Within 2 years of the date of acceptance into Stage 1	EITHE05.1

For applicants applying from Stage 2

Deliverable	Due Date	KPI the deliverable contributes to
- Sales invoice(s) - Proof of payment for sales	Within 1 year of the date of acceptance into Stage 1	EITHE05.1

All successful applicants will receive the first tranche of €2,000 upon signing the Financial Support Agreement based on previous validation of the submitted business plan (i.e. pitch deck). The subsequent tranches will be disbursed once the deliverables are submitted, provided that they are submitted within the timeframes specified in the tables above. If deliverables are not submitted within the respective timeframes, the applicants will no longer receive grants, even if their application was initially successful.

3.3.4. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

All submitted proposals must comply with the EIT KPIs [EITHE05.1]: Start-ups established by students enrolled and graduates from EIT-labelled programmes, [EITHE05.2-EITRIS] EIT RIS start-ups created of EIT labelled programmes and [EITHE05.3-EITRIS] EIT RIS Countries - Start-ups created of EIT labelled programmes.

3.3.5. Monitoring and reporting

EIT Urban Mobility will monitor the implementation of the selected projects to verify compliance with the Call conditions and the Financial Support Agreement in line with the Project Implementation Handbook. Subgrantees must submit all mandatory deliverables within the established deadlines. Payments are released only after approval of the required milestones as specified in the Financial Support Agreement.

Subgrantees must provide any additional information or documentation requested by EIT Urban Mobility for verification purposes and must promptly report any issue or delay affecting the project's progress.

A formal ex-post impact assessment might be conducted within at least 5 years of the project's completion.

Detailed monitoring, reporting and documentation requirements are further described in the Project Implementation Handbook.

4. Financial aspects of the call

4.1. KIC funding

Scope of activities	Overall Indicative total KIC funding	Indicative number of projects to be funded	Maximum annual KIC funding per project
Early-stage development of student entrepreneurial projects, including concept validation, incorporation of a new entity, and initial market deployment efforts leading to first sales.	30,000€/year	Approximately 5 projects per year	€6,000 per project from Stage 1 and €4,000 per project from Stage 2

4.2. Payment arrangements

The financial support is provided as a **lump-sum grant** disbursed in instalments linked to the achievement and approval of the mandatory milestones. Payments are made only upon approval of the relevant milestone by EIT Urban Mobility, in line with the Financial Support Agreement.

For **Stage 1** projects (maximum €6,000), the payment structure is as follows:

- **First payment: €2,000**
Released upon signature of the Financial Support Agreement.

- **Second payment: €2,000**
Released upon submission and approval of the **legal incorporation documents** of the newly established entity.
- **Third payment: €2,000**
Released upon submission and approval of **sales invoices** and corresponding **proof of payment**.

For **Stage 2** projects (maximum €4,000), the payment structure is as follows:

- **First payment: €2,000**
Released upon signature of the Financial Support Agreement and submission of the Legal incorporation document.
- **Second payment: €2,000**
Released upon submission and approval of **sales invoices** and corresponding **proof of payment**.

4.3 Cost eligibility

This Call awards financial support in the form of lump-sum grants linked to milestones. As such, subgrantees are not required to report or justify individual costs.

Payments are made solely upon achievement and approval of the mandatory milestones defined in the Financial Support Agreement, irrespective of the actual costs incurred by the beneficiary. Beneficiaries must, however, retain invoices and supporting documents for a minimum period of three years and provide them upon request to EIT Urban Mobility or the EIT, in line with the record-keeping obligations of the Financial Support Agreement.

5. Call criteria

Following each cut-off date, the admissibility, eligibility and exclusion criteria checks will be performed for each proposal in line with the following criteria.

These checks are carried out by EIT Urban Mobility staff in line with the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination.

5.1. Admissibility

- Applications must be submitted before the specific cut-off date.
- Applications must be submitted using the forms provided inside the EIT Urban Mobility electronic submission system.

- Applications must be complete and contain all parts, mandatory annexes and supporting documents. The structure and presentation must correspond to the instructions given in the forms.
- Applications and their supporting documents must be written in English, and must be readable, accessible and printable.
- Applications must respect the characters' limits established in the application form.
- The following additional supporting documents must be annexed to the proposal:

Stage 1:

- **Pitch deck with business plan**
A pitch deck including a **video recording (maximum 5 minutes)** presenting the project/idea.
- **Proof of enrolment**
Evidence that at least one team member is currently enrolled in, or has graduated (within the last two years), from an **EIT Urban Mobility EIT-Labelled programme**.

Stage 2:

- **Pitch deck with business plan**
A pitch deck including a **video recording (maximum 5 minutes)** presenting the project/idea.
- **Proof of enrolment**
Evidence that at least one team member is currently enrolled in, or has graduated (within the last two years), from an **EIT Urban Mobility EIT-Labelled programme**.
- **Legal incorporation document**
If the project has already been incorporated, applicants must provide the **legal incorporation certificate**, showing that the entity is not older than **two years** at the date of submission.

Applications missing any of the mandatory supporting documents or submitting blank or wrong documents will be automatically rejected during the admissibility check. Any additional documents uploaded under “Other supporting documents” that are not specifically listed as optional documents will not be considered during the evaluation process. Please read carefully the registration and submission process outlined in the Guidelines for Applicants document available on the Call webpage.

Only proposals satisfying all the admissibility criteria shall pass on to the eligibility criteria assessment stage.

5.1.1. Rectification process

In the case of missing information or obvious clerical errors linked to the Partner Information Form (PIF), applicants will be given **five calendar days**³ after receiving the official communication to complete or correct the PIF and resubmit it. If the Project Leader responds positively to this requirement within the time limit, the proposal will progress to the next stage of the evaluation process. If the Project Leader fails to respond or responds after the deadline, the proposal will remain inadmissible and will not be further processed.

5.2 Eligibility

Following the admissibility check, only proposals complying with the following conditions will be considered eligible for further evaluation.

5.2.1 Eligible participants

For this call, and in line with the specific nature of the Student Entrepreneur Grant Scheme, **applications are submitted by natural persons** (project leaders), as described in Section 3.2.

5.2.2 Eligibility for funding

For this call, eligibility for funding is determined by the specific conditions set out in Section 3.2 (Main requirements for applicants).

Applicants must meet all the eligibility conditions described in these sections, including residency requirements, team composition, enrolment in an EIT-labelled programme, and project maturity.

5.2.3 Consortium composition

Applicants must comply with the team composition requirements defined in Section 3.2 (Main requirements for applicants). Applications must therefore be submitted by a project leader representing a team of at least two members, meeting the eligibility conditions specified in Section 3.2.

³ A few additional days might be granted according to the circumstances (i.e. public holidays/weekends). In such cases, the Project Leader will be informed by email of the exact period.

5.2.4 EU restrictions on participation

- **EU restrictive measures** — Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)⁴ as well as Article 75 TFEU⁵, are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).

Special rules also apply to entities covered by Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/0522⁶.

- **Legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine** — Given the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the involvement of Belarus, there is currently no appropriate context allowing the implementation of the actions foreseen in this programme with legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine. Therefore, even where such entities are not subject to EU restrictive measures, such legal entities are not eligible to participate in any capacity. This includes participation as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any). Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for justified reasons.

With specific regard to measures addressed to Russia, following the adoption of the Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1745 of 24 June 2024⁷ (amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine, legal entities established outside Russia but whose proprietary rights are directly or indirectly owned for more than 50% by a legal person, entity or body established in Russia are also not eligible to participate in any capacity.

- **Measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary** — Following the [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 15 December 2022, no legal commitments can be entered into with Hungarian public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain. Affected entities may continue to apply to calls for proposals and can participate without receiving EU funding, as associated partners, if allowed by the call conditions. However, as long as the Council measures are not lifted, such entities are not eligible to participate in any funded role (beneficiaries, affiliated entities, subcontractors, recipients of financial support to third parties, etc.). In case of multi-beneficiary grant calls, applicants will be invited to remove or replace that entity in any funded role and/or to change its status into associated partner. Tasks and budget may be redistributed accordingly.

⁴ Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the [EU Sanctions Map](#)

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⁶ Commission guidelines No [2013/C 205/05](#) on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11)

⁷ OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1–11

- **Restrictions for the protection of European communication networks** — The protection of European communication networks has been identified as an important security interest of the Union and its Member States⁸. For further information, please refer to the Horizon Europe, Work Programme 2025, General Annexes, B – Eligibility on page 14⁹.

5.3 Exclusion criteria

Entities participating in this Call can be excluded **at any time** (during the evaluation, the onboarding and contracting phase, or the implementation phase) if they:¹⁰

- Are in one of the following situations:
 - a. Bankrupt, being wound up, having their affairs administered by the courts, entered an arrangement with creditors, suspended business activities or subject to any other similar proceedings or procedures under national law (including persons with unlimited liability for the participant's debts).
 - b. Declared in breach of social security or tax obligations by a final judgment or decision (including persons with unlimited liability for the participant's debts).
- Are found guilty of grave professional misconduct by a final judgment or decision (including persons having powers of representation, decision-making, or control).
- Are subject to an administrative sanction (i.e., exclusion).
- Are convicted of fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking (including persons having powers of representation, decision-making, or control).
- Show significant deficiencies in complying with main obligations under a procurement contract, grant agreement or grant decision financed by the EU or Euratom budget (including persons having powers of representation, decision-making, or control).
- Have misrepresented information required for participating in the EIT Urban Mobility funding scheme or fail to submit such information.
- Were involved in the preparation of any documentation regarding this call or are involved in the evaluation process of this call, and this entails a distortion of competition.
- Are found to be attempting to influence the decision-making process of the call during the process.

⁸ European Council conclusions of 1 and 2 October 2020 (EUCO 13/20), point 11; Council Conclusions on the significance of 5G to the European Economy and the need to mitigate security risks linked to 5G, 14517/19.

⁹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2025/wp-14-general-annexes_horizon-2025_en.pdf

¹⁰ See article 57 of Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement and repealing Directive 2004/18/EC and article 80 of Directive 2014/25/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors and repealing Directive 2004/17/EC (referral to article 57 of Directive 2014/24/EU).

- Attempting to obtain confidential information that may confer upon its undue advantages in the call process.

If any consortium entity is excluded at any stage (e.g. evaluation, contracting, implementation), EIT Urban Mobility reserves the right to take appropriate action, which may include rejecting or discontinuing the proposal or project.

6. Evaluation procedure

6.1 Admissibility, eligibility and exclusion stages

All proposals received are first checked against the Admissibility criteria, the Eligibility criteria and the Exclusion criteria (Section 5). These checks are carried out by EIT Urban Mobility staff in line with the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination. Only proposals that successfully pass these checks proceed to the evaluation stage.

6.2 Evaluation of proposals

The purpose of this evaluation is to determine a proposal's suitability for funding that has passed all previous checks.

6.2.1 Assessment methodology

Proposals that pass the admissibility, eligibility and exclusion checks are evaluated by **one independent external expert** and **one internal evaluator** from EIT Urban Mobility.

Each evaluator assesses the proposal individually against the **Award criteria** set out in Section 6.2.2.

The evaluation process consists of the following steps:

1. **Individual assessments**

Both the external evaluator and the internal evaluator carry out their assessments independently, scoring the proposal according to the Award criteria.

2. **Consensus meeting**

The two evaluators then participate in a consensus meeting facilitated by EIT Urban Mobility. During this meeting, they:

- compare their assessments,
- resolve any differences, and
- agree on a single consensus score for each criterion and a final overall score.

3. Ranking of proposals

Proposals are ranked based on their final consensus scores.

The evaluation process is conducted in accordance with the principles of transparency, equal treatment, confidentiality, and the absence of conflicts of interest. All evaluators are required to complete and sign a declaration of confidentiality and non-conflict of interest prior to participating in the process.

The evaluation phase comprises different groups of criteria and sub-criteria, which will be assessed according to the following scores:

Score	Description	
0	<i>Fail</i>	The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	<i>Poor</i>	The proposal inadequately addresses the criterion, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2	<i>Fair</i>	The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3	<i>Good</i>	The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
4	<i>Very good</i>	The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
5	<i>Excellent</i>	The proposal fully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion and is outstanding in every aspect.

6.2.2 Award criteria

6.2.2.1 Award criteria, subcriteria and maximum scores

The evaluation will assess the following criteria:

- (a) Excellence, novelty, and innovation
- (b) Impact
- (c) Quality and efficiency of the implementation: Team Capabilities

a) Excellence, novelty, and innovation	Maximum score 30 points
Product & Technology	15 points
• Innovativeness / overall grade of the novelty of the product/service	5 points
• USP - Unique Selling Proposition & market advantage	5 points
• Fit to the market (solving existing problems/bottlenecks or contributing to the improvement of existing solutions/ services)	5 points
Market & Business Model	15 points
• The application presents a realistic and relevant analysis of market trends and conditions, competitors and competitive offerings as well as a clear identification of opportunities for market introduction and with a sound IP strategy for each innovation to ensure its ownership and protection.	5 points
• Revenue model, Pricing.	5 points
• Sales & distribution model. And plausible go-to-market strategy	5 points

b) Impact	Maximum score 5 points
The product or service of the applicant contributes positively to at least one of the EIT Urban Mobility's Core Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	5 points

c) Quality and efficiency of the implementation: Team Capabilities	Maximum score 15 points
• Technical and business-oriented co-founders, strengths and complementary skills of the team	5 points
• Diverse and gender-balanced in the team	5 points
• The team properly conveys the idea behind their business and the capabilities of successful execution of the project when delivering its pitch.	5 points

The table below provides an overview of the scores for each evaluation criterion:

Criterion	Points
a) Excellence, novelty and innovation	<i>30 points</i>
b) Impact	<i>5 points</i>
c) Quality and efficiency of the implementation: Quality and efficiency of the implementation: Team Capabilities	<i>15 points</i>
Total points	<i>50 points</i> 100%

In case of disagreements between the external and internal evaluators, the opinion of the first will prevail.

Only applications with a total score **equal to or over 30 points** of the total score (threshold) will be considered for the grants. Once the evaluators have concluded their assessment, a Consensus Meeting is organised, and a ranking list with recommendations will be produced, together with a Summary Evaluation Report (SER).

6.2.2.2 Results of the evaluation: award

Following the consensus meeting, proposals are ranked according to their final scores, as established under the Award criteria described in Section 5.5.

The highest ranked proposals that meet or exceed the **minimum threshold** and fall within the available budget for the specific cutoff date are **recommended for award**. These applicants will be invited to proceed to the preparation and signature of the Financial Support Agreement.-ranked proposals that meet or exceed the -off date are

6.3 Communication of evaluation results to applicants

6.3.1 Communication of evaluation results

Following the award decision, all applicants will be informed of the result in writing via email. All applicants will receive their assessment, including their score.

In case an applicant requests further clarification regarding the evaluation result, it may contact the KIC by email. Such requests will be replied within 15 days (this deadline may be extended by the KIC with due justification).

6.3.2 Requirements for selected proposals

For this call, no conditions clearing or negotiation phase takes place after the evaluation. Proposals selected for funding are invited directly to proceed to the Financial Support Agreement (FSA) preparation and signature.-clearing or negotiation phase takes place after the evaluation. Proposals selected for funding are invited directly to proceed to the Financial Support Agreement (FSA) preparation and signature.

Selected applicants may be requested to provide standard administrative information needed to prepare the FSA (e.g. identification details, bank account information).

6.4 Standstill period

A mandatory standstill period of at least 30 days shall apply between the communication of the evaluation results to applicants and the signature of the Financial Support Agreements (FSAs). This period is counted from the day after the dispatch of the communication of results.

6.5 Publication of recipients of funds annually

The KIC shall make available (on a dedicated page on its website) information on recipients of funds (only legal persons or entities without a legal personality) financed from the EIT budget, no later than 30 June of the year following the financial year in which the funds were legally committed.

The following information shall be published, having due regard for the requirements of confidentiality and security, in particular the protection of personal data:

- (a) the recipient's full legal name and the country where it is established;
- (b) the amount committed and, in case of a commitment with multiple recipients, the breakdown of this amount per recipient where available;
- (c) subject of grant or contract.

6.6 Appeal process

Applicants wishing to contest the outcome of the admissibility, eligibility, evaluation or selection process may do so in accordance with the EIT Urban Mobility **Appeal Procedure**, available on the Call webpage.

Appeals shall be addressed by email to pmo@eiturbanmobility.eu within the deadline established in the **Appeal Procedure** document.

7. Proposal submission process

Before starting to draft a proposal, **the main applicant** must follow the following steps:

Step 1: Obtain a Participant Identification Code (PIC)

All applicants submitting to this Call must register themselves as natural persons in the [EU Funding & Tender Portal](#) to obtain a valid **nine digit PIC number**.

If the applicant already has a PIC, no new registration is required.

If you do not know if you already has a PIC number, you can verify directly on the EU Portal (click [here](#)).

Step 2: Register or access the EIT Urban Mobility Programmes Portal (NetSuite)

- If you are already registered in the EIT Urban Mobility [Programmes Portal \(NetSuite\)](#), please log in by going to step 3.
- If you have never registered in the system, please go to the [Programmes Portal \(NetSuite\)](#) and click on “Register”. Then select **Option 1: “I am an organisation/individual or an existing EITUM Academy student applying for EITM Calls”** and complete the **Partner Information Form (PIF)** with the required details. Once you have your credentials, you can enter the [Programmes Portal](#) after setting a new password.

If the system denies your registration because the PIC number corresponds to an already registered entity, or because your email address is associated with an existing entity, please contact servicedesk@eiturbanmobility.eu.

Step 3: Submit the application in NetSuite

Once registered and logged in, applicants must:

1. Access the EIT Urban Mobility **NetSuite** platform.
2. Navigate to: > **Grant Management > Grant Management > Open Calls**
3. Select the call **Student Entrepreneur Grant Scheme (SEGS)**
4. Complete all mandatory fields of the online **application form**.
5. Upload all required documents according to their stage of entry:
 - Pitch deck in PDF format
 - Video pitch (maximum 5 minutes)
 - Proof of enrolment or graduation (EIT-Labelled programme, within the last two years).
 - Legal incorporation documents (only for applicants entering directly at Stage 2).
6. Submit the complete proposal **before the relevant cut-off date** indicated in Section 2.

Important note: Proposals must be received by the designated cut-off date to be evaluated during that review period. Any submissions received after the first cut-off date will be included in the second cut-off review. However, please note that if you begin an application during the first cut-off period but plan to submit it for the second cut-off deadline, then you must create an entirely new application form. Each submission period.

7.1 Failed submission of a proposal

If you believe that the submission of your proposal failed due to a technical error exclusively attributable to the EIT Urban Mobility Grant Management Tool (the submission platform), you may submit a complaint

by sending an email to the PMO team (pmo@eiturbanmobility.eu). The email must include the proposal ID number and a clear description of the issue, together with objective evidence (screenshots) of the assumed platform malfunction. You may be requested by the PMO team to provide additional information if necessary. **The complaint must be submitted within 3 calendar days** after the call deadline. Complaints submitted after this period and/or without sufficient evidence will not be considered.

EIT Urban Mobility will verify the incident by checking internal IT logs to determine whether a technical malfunction of the EIT Urban Mobility Grant Management Tool occurred during your submission attempt. **Complaints will not be accepted if the issue is related to the applicant's own equipment, internet connection, computer configuration, or any misinterpretation, misunderstanding, or disregard of any rules and/or instructions outlined in the Call Manual and/or in the Guidelines for Applicants.** You will be informed of the outcome as soon as possible. If the complaint is accepted, the PMO team will provide guidance on the next steps and will give you 24 hours to proceed.

8. Other terms and conditions

8.1 Acceptance of the call conditions

EIT Urban Mobility reserves the right to make reasonable amendments and additions to the call conditions. Amendments and additions to the call conditions shall be valid only before the submission deadline, and if made available to all potential applicants at the same time on the call page.

EIT Urban Mobility may declare the call unsuccessful in case no applications are received, if the applications do not meet the admissibility, eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria, or if none of the applications reach the thresholds laid down in this call text.

By submitting the application form, the applicant agrees to the present call conditions. Applicants agree that they have no legal entitlement to funding.

8.2 Cancellation of the call

EIT Urban Mobility reserves the right to cancel the call at any time before the signature of the Financial Support Agreement(s) without the obligation to compensate applicants, in particular where its objectives can no longer be met, provided that the applicants are informed in a transparent manner in writing as follows:

- if the cancellation takes place before that award: on the call page of EIT Urban Mobility,
- if the cancellation takes place following the communication of the results to the applicants, during the standstill period, or anytime before the signature of the Financial Support Agreement: in writing directly to the selected applicants.

8.3 Data protection

EIT Urban Mobility ensures that any processing of personal data shall be performed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation). As a data subject, you have the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure, the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability, the right to object, and the right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing. If you have a question about personal data processing or want to exercise your data subject rights, you can contact our Data Protection Officer at info@eiturbanmobility.eu.

The collected personal data will be used for the evaluation of the applications and the conduct of the call process. Subject to the applicant's consent, it may also be used to send newsletters, updates, and information about related initiatives, opportunities, or upcoming projects. Proposal information may be shared internally and, where necessary, with authorised evaluators and partners involved in the assessment and call process, subject to confidentiality obligations. EIT Urban Mobility may also retain and review your submitted proposal for the purpose of contacting you about future collaboration opportunities or programmes, regardless of the outcome of the specific call. Subject to the applicant's consent, data collected may also be used to send newsletters, updates, and information about related initiatives, opportunities, or upcoming projects. The data controller is EIT Urban Mobility according to Privacy Policy - EIT Urban Mobility.

Personal data will be deleted 5 years after the announcement of the results of the call in case of unsuccessful applications and 7 years for successful applicants.

By submitting your application to this call, you consent that EIT Urban Mobility will collect, transfer, process, store, and delete your data in accordance with the aforementioned conditions.

For more information on the processing of your personal data, please consult the privacy statement of EIT Urban Mobility at: Privacy Policy - EIT Urban Mobility.

8.4 Confidentiality

EIT Urban Mobility undertakes to use any confidential information shared by the applicants solely for the purposes of the evaluation process.

Confidential information shall mean data and/or information (in any form) that is proprietary to, or possessed by, the applicants and not generally known to the public, or that has not yet been revealed whether in tangible or intangible form, that is identified as confidential in writing or when disclosed orally.

Confidential information included in the application form must be expressly labelled by the applicant as such in the form. As regards confidential information expressly labelled as such in the call process, EIT Urban Mobility undertakes to (i) not disclose them in any way and any form, without the prior written

authorization of the applicant; and (ii) not to use them for purposes other than those strictly necessary for participation in the call.

Confidential information may be shared among EIT Urban Mobility and its subsidiaries (e.g. KIC Co-Location Centres) solely for the purposes of the call process. EIT Urban Mobility undertakes to impose this confidentiality obligation on its employees and the employees of its subsidiaries and its collaborators, as well as on independent experts and all subjects who, by virtue of participating in the conduct of the call, including as members of the Evaluation Committee, may have access to such confidential data and information.

The applicants agree that data and information regarding the selected projects' implementation (e.g. success stories) not labelled as confidential may be disclosed in connection with the activities of EIT Urban Mobility.

8.5 Avoidance of conflict of interest

EIT Urban Mobility is committed to ensure the avoidance of conflict of interest (regarding all actors) and comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination and sound financial management.

Measures to avoid potential Conflict of Interest or unequal treatment of applicants are ensured including through appropriate conflict of interest declaration and assessment process, established written communication channels and independent and fair complaints/redress procedures.

In case an applicant becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest affecting the conduct of the call process, it shall notify the EIT Urban Mobility of the conflict of interest without any delay.

8.6 Ethics and values

The proposal must comply with:

- ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity) and
- applicable EU, international and national law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Supplementary Protocols.

No financial support/EIT funding can be granted, within or outside the EU, for activities that are prohibited in all Member States. No financial support/EIT funding can be granted in a Member State for an activity which is forbidden in that Member State.

Please refer to the financial support agreement for further requirements.

8.7 Intellectual property Strategy

Applicants retain full and exclusive ownership of their prior information and intellectual property rights. By submitting their application, applicants affirm that they hold ownership and have legally secured the right

to use all elements of the innovative product or service included in their application, or that they will take appropriate measures to secure and protect such rights during the project. The IP strategy checklist, published on the Call webpage, provides guidance to applicants on measures to protect the innovations. Any proposal must clearly demonstrate the planned measures and actions to protect the innovations and to exploit the core IP rights.

Protecting intellectual property is a prerequisite for successful commercialisation. Given the scope of this Call, any proposal put forward should already have in place an associated IP strategy. Furthermore, proposals should demonstrate that it is commercially safe to make or sell the proposed solution, without infringing on existing third-party IP rights.

Applicants agree to indemnify and hold harmless EIT Urban Mobility, the EIT, and/or any assignee or affiliate from any third-party allegations or claims of intellectual property rights infringement by the product or service of applicants. Applicants shall have the right to further develop, use and license their intellectual property rights for creating, making, marketing, and distributing products, services, and technology. Applicants agree to respect the IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) Rules (Article 16) of the [Model Grant Agreement](#).

8.8 Withdrawal of the funding – Recovery of undue amounts

EIT Urban Mobility may withdraw the funding after its award and recover all payments made in line with the provisions of the Financial Support Agreement, including in the following cases:

- in case the applicant committed substantial errors, irregularities or fraud;
- in case the applicant committed serious breach of obligations under the Financial Support Agreement or during its award (including non-compliance with the call conditions, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, etc.)
- it is established that the awarded applicants were not eligible or should have been excluded.

8.9 Checks, reviews, audits and investigations

EIT Urban Mobility retains the right to initiate checks, reviews and audit on an applicant that has been awarded funding, in order to verify compliance with the requirements of the call conditions and of the legal and contractual framework referred to above.

EIT Urban Mobility may request any information and data from applicants that have been awarded funding for 5 years after completion for these purposes, as well as in relation to monitoring by the EIT.

In accordance with the Grant Agreement between the EIT and the KIC as well as the Financial Support Agreement, the EIT and/or the Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the Court of Auditors may carry out checks, reviews, audits and investigations in relation to the call and the implementation of the projects.

8.10 Applicable law

The present call is governed by the applicable European Union legal framework (i.e. in particular the [EIT Regulation](#),¹¹ the [EU Financial Regulation](#),¹² the [Horizon Europe Regulation](#))¹³, supplemented if necessary by the national law of Belgium.

The applicants agree to observe the obligations outlined in the [Partnership Agreement](#) and the [Grant Agreement](#) signed between the EIT and EIT Urban Mobility. Applicants agree to comply with the terms of the Model Financial Support Agreement between successful applicants and EIT Urban Mobility, available at the Call webpage.

8.11 Settlement of disputes

All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, which cannot be solved amicably, shall be finally settled before the courts of Brussels.

¹¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/819

¹² Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509

¹³ Regulation (EU) 2021/695