

# Launch of the new European Innovation Council

**Save the date:** 18 and 19 March 2021

The European Innovation Council (EIC) is a key novelty of Horizon Europe and represents the most ambitious innovation initiative that Europe has taken, with a budget of €10 billion for the period 2021-2027. The EIC has a mission to identify, develop and scale-up breakthrough technologies and disruptive innovations. The EIC will support startups, SMEs and research teams developing high-risk, high-impact breakthrough innovation, with a particular focus on scaling up game-changing solutions that contribute to the objectives of the European Green Deal and the Recovery Plan for Europe.

The first calls for applicants are planned to be released on 18 March – join us for a two-day launch event to know more about the vision of the EIC and on what is behind its funding opportunities.

More information on how to join will be available soon.

## Launch ceremony

**18 March (9.30 – 11.30 CET)**

Statements from Heads of States and EU institutions

Short specific sessions on the contribution of the EIC to Europe's economic recovery:

- **EIC for building businesses from breakthrough science**  
Speakers: Ingmar Hoerr (Founder and former CEO of CureVac), Silvia Scaglione (President of React4Life) and Louis de Lillers (CEO of CorWave)  
Moderator: Chris Sisserian (Sifted)
- **EIC for investing in deep tech**  
Speakers: Hermann Hauser (Amadeus Capital), Veronika Oudova (Co-Founder and CEO of S-Biomedic) + other to be confirmed  
Moderator: Robin Wauters (Tech.EU)
- **EIC for creating innovation ecosystems for sustainability**  
Speakers: Jim Snabe (Chair, Siemens) + other to be confirmed  
Moderator: Jean-Eric Paquet (Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission)

## **Applicants' day**

**19 March (9.30 – 16.30 CET)**

For potential beneficiaries and stakeholders, the applicant day will provide concrete information on how the EIC works, how to apply, who is eligible, etc.

Sessions will include information on funding opportunities for research teams, startups, SMEs and investors.

## **More information**

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