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EIT Jumpstarter Program overview

About the program

EIT Jumpstarter is a pre-accelerator program for innovators in the healthcare, agri-food, raw materials, energy, urban mobility, manufacturing industries and the New European Bauhaus.

The program contributes to boosting innovation and entrepreneurship within Central-Eastern and Southern-European Regions by validating innovative solutions and connecting them with the articulated demands from the industry.

EIT Jumpstarter is ideal for teams with innovative business idea, who want to jumpstart their company. With the contribution of best-in-class experts, creative community, unique know-how our aim is to support idea-holders to turn their ideas into business. We help them build a viable business model around their innovative product or service idea, validate it and if their business idea is proven to be sustainable, we encourage them to register their company.



We introduce teams to partners, investors, regulatory bodies and companies that can produce their products, their first buyer or a test site. They meet major innovation hubs in Europe, which is important when they want to enter foreign markets.

The program has trained more than 500 start-up teams since 2017, and in 2019 EIT Jumpstarter won the Best Association Training Initiative Award of the European Association Awards.



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Why it is unique?

EIT Jumpstarter is a very selective, competitive program; participating in it opens doors towards the European markets and connects the best teams with the six EIT Communities' large industrial partners such as GE Healthcare, Siemens, Philips, Roche, Bosch, Nestlé, Pepsico and Maspex, among others.

Target groups

Scientific project teams, innovators, scientists, PHD students or master's students

What do startups say about us?

"We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in this programme which gives people from different backgrounds, like us, the essential knowledge to develop their business ideas and prepare for a real market world. It was an invaluable experience that I recommend to everybody who wants to build an innovative business."

"This joint business bootcamp with Food and Health and RawMaterials all coming together really inspired us and showed us new perspective on our own business idea, and also on the other side working in this international environment really boosted us to do the next step."

– Timur Sirman, MagnoTherm

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- Jaroslav Michalko, BioConvert